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SENATE RESOLUTION

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE 2026 CLASS 1A STATE
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Earle High School Lady Bulldogs girls' basketball team won the Class 1A state championship held at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the West Side Greers Ferry Lady Eagles by a score of seventy-three (73) to fifty-four (54); and

WHEREAS, this was the third state championship for the Lady Bulldogs, and their first since 2018; and

WHEREAS, Earle High School swept both the boys' and girls' Class 1A state championship in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a record of thirty-four wins and two losses (34-2); and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs team members are Madison Glaspie, Jada Maples, Journey Jefferson, Zaniyah Johnson, Aniyah Miller, Aryanna Perry,



Jada Cheers, Christian Boykin, Natalie Sanders, Madison Dunn, Kennedy Hinton, Madison Pounds, and Janaria Murry; and

WHEREAS, team member Jada Maples was named the 1A state championship's Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Steven Jefferson, Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Summer Gatewood; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steven Jefferson said of the victory, "Man, what an awesome game... [this] was one of the moments that I was hoping to have since last year",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize the Earle High School Lady Bulldogs girls' basketball team as the Class 1A state champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Head Coach Steven Jefferson by the Secretary of the Senate.