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SENATE RESOLUTION

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HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOTS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE
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WHEREAS, the Parkview Arts and Sciences Magnet High School Patriots boys' basketball team clinched the Class 5A state basketball championship in an overtime win against the Marion High School Patriots at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 14, 2026, with a final score of sixty-three to fifty-seven (63-57); and

WHEREAS, the Patriots made a remarkable turnaround this season, surging from a team with four (4) wins and twenty-five (25) losses in the 2024-2025 season to a team with an impressive twenty-eight (28) wins and five (5) losses and an overall conference record of fifteen (15) wins and one (1) loss during the 2025-2026 season; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots were led to victory by Head Coach Jason Harrison, a former Patriots basketball player who graduated from Parkview Magnet High School in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jason Harrison was awarded the 5A Arkansas



Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, 2026 5A Central Boys' Coach of the Year, and The Arkansas-Democrat Gazette 2026 Boys' Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots were also led by assistant coaches Antoni Lasker, Chanslor Watson, and Jamahl Jackson and assisted by team manager Josiah Carlock and special assistant Jacob Robert Harrison; and

WHEREAS, Patriots team members include Kolby Bell, Jermaine Conway, Chris Edwards, Jonathan Geter, Keithan Green, Ayden Hansberry, Kedric Humphrey, Jr., Jacob Lanier, Callen McCray, Tyrian Thompson, Christian Washington, Bruce Williams, Jr., Bryan Williams, and Joshua Wills; and

WHEREAS, outstanding duo Jacob Lanier and Ayden Hansberry pushed the team into victory during overtime, scoring all fourteen (14) of the points for the Patriots during overtime; and

WHEREAS, senior Jacob Lanier, a four-star shooting guard who recently committed to the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers men's basketball team, finished his season scoring over nine hundred (900) points, earning the title of the Class 5A State Championship Most Valuable Player, and being named to the All-State, All-Conference, and All-Tournament teams; and

WHEREAS, late Patriots coach Al Flanigan, who passed away in December 2025, told the team right before his death that they would "win state title," to which Head Coach Jason Harrison, after winning the state championship, responded, "If he were here, I'd be looking him dead in his eyes and say, 'Man, you were right.'"; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jason Harrison commented on the Patriots' victory, stating "[t]hese kids worked. There's been a lot of peaks and valleys, ups and downs, but through it all, we stayed the course. We lost some games, and we learned from them. Every loss was a lesson, and we turned it into fuel",

NOW THEREFORE,

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

STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize the Parkview Magnet High School Patriots boys' basketball team for their persistence, teamwork, dedication, and character and for winning the 2026 Class 5A state championship.

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