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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Van Buren High School Pointers wrestling team won the 2025-2026 Class 5A state championship as part of the Arkansas State Wrestling Tournament held on February 14, 2026, at Jack Stephens Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, besting the Lake Hamilton Wrestling Wolves by a margin of ten and one-half (10.5) points; and

WHEREAS, the most recent state championship title marks the fifth consecutive Class 5A state championship win for the Pointers wrestling team and the ninth Class 5A state championship win total counting dual and team state championship wins; and

WHEREAS, by winning its fifth consecutive state championship, the Pointers wrestling team ties the state record for consecutive state championships in wrestling; and



WHEREAS, the Pointers wrestling team was led by fifteen-year-old undefeated freshman Peyton Boston, who won the Class 5A one-hundred-twenty-six-pound class state championship title and was also named Outstanding Wrestler for the lower weight class at the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers wrestling team qualified in eleven (11) out of the fourteen (14) weight classes for the tournament, and ten (10) out of those eleven (11) finished in the top four (4) of their classes; and

WHEREAS, additional team members placing were:

- (1) Sophomore Carson Camera, third place in the one-hundred-six-pound class;
- (2) Senior Denzel Arce, third place in the one-hundred-thirteen-pound class;
- (3) Junior Talon Ray, fourth place in the one-hundred-twenty-pound class;
- (4) Junior Carter Sanders, second place in the one-hundred-thirty-two-pound class;
- (5) Junior Talon Brown, competing in the one-hundred-fifty-pound class;
- (6) Senior Bryson Keirse, fourth place in the one-hundred-fifty-seven-pound class;
- (7) Sophomore Jalen Brown, second place in the one-hundred-seventy-five-pound class;
- (8) Sophomore Beck Bodson, second place in the one-hundred-ninety-pound class;
- (9) Senior Jace Ponder, second place in the two-hundred-fifteen-pound class; and
- (10) Senior AJ Thompson, fourth place in the two-hundred-eighty-five-pound class; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers wrestling team also won the Van Buren Dual Tournament, Searcy Dual Tournament, and the regional championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pointers girls' wrestling team finished as state runners-up for the second year in a row with one-hundred-ten and one-half

(110.5) points and had one (1) individual state champion, senior Eva Garcia, placing first in the one-hundred-twenty-pound class and finishing her high-school wrestling career as a three-time state champion; and

WHEREAS, additional team members placing were:

- (1) Freshman Bethani Martinez, fourth place in the one-hundred-pound class;
- (2) Junior Bailey Doss, second place in the one-hundred-five-pound class;
- (3) Sophomore Julissa Mora, third place in the one-hundred-ten-pound class;
- (4) Senior Carley Johnson, competing in the one-hundred-fifteen-pound class;
- (5) Sophomore Jayden Salinas-Ryun, competing in the one-hundred-thirty-pound class;
- (6) Senior Evelyn Romero, second place in the one-hundred-fifty-five-pound class;
- (7) Caylinn Tuck, competing in the one-hundred-ninety-pound class; and
- (8) Deanna Ramirez, second place in the two-hundred-thirty-five-pound class; and

WHEREAS, the Pointers and Lady Pointers were led by Head Coach John Petree and Assistant Coaches Dakota Petree and Cory Hansen; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach John Petree was named Class 5A wrestling Coach of the 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 Van Buren High School Pointers wrestling team as the 2025-2026 Class 5A state champions and the Lady Pointers wrestling team as the 2025-2026 Class 5A state runners-up.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be presented to Head Coach John Petree and Assistant Coaches Dakota Petree and Cory Hansen by the Secretary of the Senate.