1	State of Arkansas
2	91st General Assembly
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5	By: Senators J. Cooper, B. Johnson, Caldwell, D. Wallace, K. Ingram
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7	SENATE RESOLUTION
8	TO CONGRATULATE THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RED
9	WOLVES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SUN BELT
10	CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE AUTONATION CURE BOWL.
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16	WINNING THE SUN BELT CONFERENCE
17	CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE AUTONATION CURE
18	BOWL.
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21	WHEREAS, the Arkansas State University Red Wolves football team won the
22	2016 Sun Belt Conference Championship for a 2nd straight year; and
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24	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves became the only FBS program in the nation to
25	win 5 conference titles over the last 6 seasons; and
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27	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves defeated the University of Central Florida on
28	December 17, 2016, in Orlando with a final score of 31-13 in the AutoNation
29	Cure Bowl; and
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31	WHEREAS, the team ended the 2016 season by winning 8 of its last 9
32	games to post an 8-5 overall record; and
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34	WHEREAS, Arkansas State became 1 of just 2 programs in history to win 5
35	Sun Belt Conference championships; and
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1	WHEREAS, Arkansas State made a school record with a 6th consecutive
2	bowl game appearance; and
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4	WHEREAS, junior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones was named the Sun
5	Belt Conference Most Valuable Player and broke the conference records for
6	single season and career sacks; and
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8	WHEREAS, senior wide receiver Kendall Sanders was named the AutoNation
9	Cure Bowl Most Valuable Player after tying the school record for touchdowns
10	scored in postseason game; and
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12	WHEREAS, in 11 of the last 14 years, including 2015, the Red Wolves
13	football team has won the Sun Belt Conference Team Academic Award; and
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15	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves claimed a 35-3 victory over then-ranked No. 25
16	Troy State on November 17, 2016, to claim their 2nd win over a Top 25 team
17	since joining the FBS in 1992; and
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19	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves put together its 6th consecutive winning season
20	for the 1st time since 1917; and
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22	WHEREAS, Blake Anderson, born in Jonesboro, led Arkansas State as head
23	coach and now has the most wins of any head coach in school history over his
24	first 3 seasons at the school; and
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26	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves led the nation in tackles for loss; and
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28	WHEREAS, Arkansas State posted its 12th consecutive season with a
29	winning record at Centennial Bank Stadium; and
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31	WHEREAS, the Red Wolves' 8 wins gave the program 52 victories over the
32	last 6 seasons to rank as the 23rd-highest in the nation over that span; and
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34	WHEREAS, 16 players who have already earned their degrees from Arkansas
35	State University competed in the AutoNation Cure Bowl; and
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1	WHEREAS, Director of Athletics Terry Mohajir and his staff provided
2	exceptional leadership in the operations of the athletics department to
3	support the success of the student athletes; and
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5	WHEREAS, Arkansas State had 16 players named All-Sun Belt Conference
6	this year to match the most in school history, including first-team
7	selections senior offensive lineman Jemar Clark, senior defensive end Chris
8	Odom, junior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones, and senior defensive back
9	Money Hunter; second-team selections junior tight end Blake Mack, senior
10	offensive lineman Colton Jackson, senior linebacker Xavier Woodson-Luster,
11	senior defensive back Cody Brown, sophomore defensive back Justin Clifton,
12	junior return specialist and cornerback Blaise Taylor, sophomore running back
13	Warren Wand; honorable mention selections sophomore quarterback Justice
14	Hansen, senior defensive back Chris Humes, senior defensive lineman Waylon
15	Roberson, and senior wide receiver Kendall Sanders; and newcomer-team
16	selection junior linebacker Kyle Wilson,
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18	NOW THEREFORE,
19	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
20	STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22	THAT the Senate congratulates the Arkansas State University Red Wolves
23	football team for their outstanding 2016 season, back-to-back Sun Belt
24	Conference championships, and victory in the 2016 AutoNation Cure Bowl.
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26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon the adoption of this resolution, a copy
27	shall be transmitted to the Chancellor of Arkansas State University by the
28	Secretary of the Senate.
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