

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
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HR 1066

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5 By: Representative Bentley

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE BIGELOW HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS BOYS
9 BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 CLASS 2A STATE
10 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 PANTHERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
16 THE 2023 CLASS 2A STATE BASKETBALL
17 CHAMPIONSHIP.

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19 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2023, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys
20 Basketball Team won the Class 2A State Basketball Championship held in Hot
21 Springs, Arkansas by a score of 60 – 45; and

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23 WHEREAS, this basketball championship by the Bigelow High School
24 Panthers Boys Basketball Team was only the second state championship
25 appearance for Bigelow High School in its one hundred seven (107) year
26 history; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team went
29 undefeated in conference play with a perfect sixteen (16) and zero (0)
30 record, ended the season on a twenty (20) game winning streak, and had a
31 final record of thirty-one (31) and two (2); and

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33 WHEREAS, Bennett Wilson was named the Class 2A State Tournament Most
34 Valuable Player; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team is



1 coached by Head Coach Craig Neumeier who is in his twenty-third year coaching
2 and the assistant coach is Chad Wilson; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team is
5 composed of the following players: Joshua Trantina, Bennett Wilson, Martell
6 Macon, Jayden Dunlap, Carter Alexander, Rhett Neumeier, Brandt Tipton, Ryan
7 Hobbs, Beau Billeck, Javon Orr, Jacob Serna, Wade Nutt, Landon Edwards, and
8 Johnnathan Nunez; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team were
11 supported all year long by managers, Evan Ragan and Tate Watson and
12 statistician, Sonja Holbrook; and

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14 WHEREAS, the communities of Bigelow and Perryville were unwavering in
15 their support of this Perry County basketball team, and that was greatly
16 appreciated by the Bigelow High School Panthers Boys Basketball Team; and

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18 WHEREAS, Chad Wilson, the Bigelow High School Athletic Director, stated
19 “It takes guys to know and understand and appreciate their roles on the team
20 and how each man can help the team win in different ways. It takes a lot of
21 sacrifice but this team had visions way back in November that this journey
22 was a possibility and these young men made it happen”,

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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 THAT the House of Representatives commend the Bigelow High School
29 Panthers Boys Basketball Team for winning the 2023 Class 2A State Basketball
30 Championship.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be
33 transmitted to Head Coach Craig Neumeier and Athletic Director Chad Wilson by
34 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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