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HOUSE RESOLUTION

11 TO CONGRATULATE THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RED
12 WOLVES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING BACK-TO-BACK SUN
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14 GODADDY.COM BOWL.

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24 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State University Red Wolves won the 2012 Sun Belt
25 Conference Championship for a second straight year with a 45-0 victory over
26 Middle Tennessee State University at Liberty Bank Stadium in Jonesboro,
27 Arkansas, on Saturday, December 1, 2012, in front of a stadium-record 31,243
28 fans; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves won the 2011 and 2012 Sun Belt Conference
31 championships with a combined 15-1 league record over the last two seasons;
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34 WHEREAS, Arkansas State defeated Kent State 17-13 in the 2013
35 GoDaddy.com Bowl on January 6, beating a team that was ranked 25th in the
36 nation according to the Associated Press rankings; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves ended the 2012 season on an eight-game winning
3 streak, the second longest in the nation, to finish the season with a 10-3
4 record; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves became the first team in the history of the Sun
7 Belt Conference to win 10 games in 2 consecutive seasons; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Red Wolves led the Sun Belt Conference in
10 both scoring offense and scoring defense in 2012; and

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12 WHEREAS, senior quarterback Ryan Aplin, who graduated from Arkansas
13 State on December 15, 2012, was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year
14 for a second straight year, and broke the conference career records for total
15 offensive yards, passing yards, and completions; and

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17 WHEREAS, freshman wide receiver J.D. McKissic was Sun Belt Conference
18 Freshman of the Year, led the nation's freshmen with 103 receptions, and was
19 one of 30 Football Bowl Subdivision players named to the Football Writers
20 Association of America Freshman All-American Team; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 10 of the last 11 years the Red Wolves football team has
23 won the Sun Belt Conference Team Academic Award; and

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25 WHEREAS Arkansas State's average home game attendance of 26,398 for the
26 2012 season was a school record; and

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28 WHEREAS, Fort Smith native Gus Malzahn led the Red Wolves as head coach
29 during the regular season; and

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31 WHEREAS, Forrest City native John Thompson served as defensive
32 coordinator during the successful regular season and as interim head coach in
33 leading the team's GoDaddy.com Bowl victory; and

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35 WHEREAS, Bryan Harsin became the 29th head football coach of Arkansas
36 State on December 12, 2012, following a distinguished career as offensive

1 coordinator at two nationally prominent universities; and

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3 WHEREAS, Director of Athletics Terry Mohajir and his staff provided
4 exceptional leadership in the operations of the Athletics Department to
5 support the success of the student-athletes; and

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7 WHEREAS; Arkansas State had the following, league-high 10 players named
8 to the 2012 All-Sun Belt Conference team: first-team selections quarterback
9 Ryan Aplin, junior running back David Oku, senior offensive lineman Zach
10 McKnight, junior offensive lineman Ryan Carrethers, and senior linebacker
11 Nathan Herrold; second-team selections wide receiver J.D. McKissic, defensive
12 end Tim Starson, and kicker Brian Davis; and honorable mention selections
13 wide receiver Taylor Stockemer and linebacker Qushaun Lee,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Arkansas State University Red Wolves football team be
20 congratulated for an outstanding 2012 season, back-to-back Sun Belt
21 Conference championships, and its impressive victory in the 2013 GoDaddy.com
22 Bowl.

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be sent
25 to the President and Athletic Director of Arkansas State University.