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HR 1003

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 CONGRATULATING THE 2004 STATE HIGH SCHOOL AAAAA  
10 FOOTBALL CHAMPION LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL TIGERS ON  
11 THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE AAAAA CHAMPIONSHIP.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 SCHOOL AAAAA FOOTBALL CHAMPION LITTLE  
16 ROCK CENTRAL TIGERS ON THEIR SECOND  
17 CONSECUTIVE AAAAA CHAMPIONSHIP.

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20 WHEREAS, the Central Tigers under Coach Bernie Cox completed an  
21 impressive 13-1 season en route to winning the state championship game over  
22 West Memphis for the second straight year; and

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24 WHEREAS, the top-ranked Tigers blitzed the second-ranked team from West  
25 Memphis 41-7, in a game in which they led 35-0 at halftime, the mercy rule  
26 was invoked for only the second time in a state final, and the Tigers  
27 recorded the third highest margin of victory in a Class AAAAA title game; and

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29 WHEREAS, the victory gave the Tigers their record 18th state football  
30 championship recognized by the Arkansas Activities Association, 32nd overall,  
31 and 750th victory since 1904; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by a stellar class of 25 seniors who  
34 posted the best two-year record (27-1) in the state's largest classification  
35 since the fusion of Class AAAAA and Class AAAAA after the 1982 season,  
36 guaranteed themselves a second consecutive finish in *StudentSports'* Fab 50



1 national rankings, and won over 87% of their games and two consecutive state  
2 titles; and

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4 WHEREAS, the victory added another notch in the championship belt of  
5 Coach Bernie Cox, 250-93-8 in 30 seasons with the Tigers, whose seven state  
6 titles (1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1986, 2003, and 2004) rank second at Central  
7 and second among active coaches; and

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9 WHEREAS, according to Cox, the dean of AAAAA coaches, the 2004-2005  
10 Central High Football seniors represent a "once-in-a-lifetime-class",

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 THAT the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly  
17 of the State of Arkansas congratulates the 2004 AAAAA State Football Champion  
18 Little Rock Central Tigers on their excellent season and the outstanding  
19 achievements of their senior class.

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