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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 CONGRATULATING THE GREENWOOD BULLDOGS ON THEIR
10 2005 CLASS AAAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 THEIR 2005 CLASS AAAA STATE FOOTBALL
15 CHAMPIONSHIP.
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18 WHEREAS, the Greenwood Bulldogs capped their second consecutive
19 fourteen-game season to claim the 2005 Class AAAA state football title with a
20 35-32 victory over the Morrilton Devil Dogs; and
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22 WHEREAS, after losing last year's championship game, the Bulldogs
23 overcame several turnovers to win the state AAAA championship; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Bulldog players, coaches, and fans gathered at 6:00 a.m.
26 on the morning of the game, escorted by two Greenwood police officers and a
27 Sebastian County Sheriff to start the long caravan of fans on a fun trip to
28 Little Rock that included fans stopping several times with signs of support
29 and encouragement along the way, including a "Win the Rock Bulldogs!" sign on
30 Interstate 40 heading into Morrilton; and
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32 WHEREAS, as expected, the game itself was a battle until the finish
33 with the teams slugging it out for four (4) quarters of excellent football;
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36 WHEREAS, Morrilton struck first with an eighty-yard opening touchdown



1 drive followed by the Bulldogs' 65-yard drive in four (4) plays capped by
2 William Ridener's 52-yard run, later followed by Ridener's 72-yard run for a
3 touchdown just thirty-seven (37) seconds into the third quarter; and
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5 WHEREAS, the game finally ended when, following Daniel Steegall's
6 three-yard run, the Morrilton Devil Dogs came back with an 88-yard, 6-play
7 touchdown drive to bring the score to 35-32 with exactly one minute to play,
8 Nathan Staton recovered Morrilton's on-side kick; and
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10 WHEREAS, Nathan Cox won the Burlsworth Award for the championship
11 game's best lineman and William Ridener was selected as the game's most
12 valuable player; and
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14 WHEREAS, Head Football Coach Rick Smith noted that the team had come
15 from behind nine (9) times to win games during the season and that "if that's
16 not heart and desire and character, I don't know what is"; and
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18 WHEREAS, Coach Jones was extremely proud of the effort of both the
19 players and coaching staff, noting that the coaching staff made adjustments
20 time and time again to find a way to win the championship; and
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22 WHEREAS, Coach Jones attributed community support to his team's winning
23 edge, stating "You can't beat it. Greenwood's a wonderful place to live and
24 a wonderful place to raise a family, but if you're a football player at
25 Greenwood, they support you, it's an amazing thing",
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27 NOW THEREFORE,
28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
29 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of
32 Arkansas congratulates the players, fans, and coaches of the Greenwood
33 Bulldogs on an excellent season and the 2005 Class AAAA state football
34 championship.
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