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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 CONGRATULATING THE UNDEFEATED SPRINGDALE BULLDOGS
10 ON A HISTORIC SEASON AND THE CLASS AAAAA FOOTBALL
11 CHAMPIONSHIP.
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13 **Subtitle**

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16 CLASS AAAAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.
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19 WHEREAS, approximately ninety (90) minutes before Arkansan Jermain
20 Taylor defended his middleweight championship of the world, the undefeated,
21 top-ranked Springdale Bulldogs left no doubt about the high school football
22 championship for the State of Arkansas; and
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24 WHEREAS, unleashing a lightning-fast series of blows, the Bulldogs
25 delivered their last knockout of the season, crushing second-seeded West
26 Memphis 54-20 to claim the Class AAAAA state football championship; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs bolted to a 21-0 lead before many of the largest
29 high school crowd of 25,386 to ever watch an Arkansas high school football
30 game had settled into their seats; and
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32 WHEREAS, before the fight was over the 14-0 Bulldogs recorded the
33 highest point total for a final game in the state's largest classification
34 under the present playoff structure and set a post-season scoring record of
35 196 points in four games; and
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1 WHEREAS, record-setting senior quarterback Mitch Mustain, the first
2 high school football player to be named the Gatorade, Parade Magazine, and
3 the USA Today Football Player of the Year, completed 17 of 28 passes for 344
4 yards and five touchdowns; and

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6 WHEREAS, Senior wide receiver Damian Williams, the championship game's
7 most valuable player, caught six passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns
8 and rushed three times for 67 yards and one touchdown; and

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10 WHEREAS, senior wide receiver Andrew Norman had six receptions for 106
11 yards and one touchdown; and

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13 WHEREAS, Head Coach Gus Malzahn, whose team entered the game ranked
14 third nationally in the "StudentSports Fab 50" and eighth in the "USA Today
15 Super 25" stated "[w]e have a great bunch of guys who capped off a dream
16 season", that the bulldogs are "the best team I've been around," and that the
17 team "play[ed] with a lot of class and integrity"; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' collection of offensive of talent was too much
20 for West Memphis or any other team to handle in 2005, boasting a 3000-yard
21 passer (Mustain), two 1000-yard receivers (Williams and Norman), and a 1000-
22 yard rusher (Senior Matt Clinkscales); and

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24 WHEREAS, in the championship game, Springdale was so efficient that it
25 amassed 501 total yards on 43 plays during just ten minutes and 27 seconds of
26 possession time, with none of the Bulldogs' seven scoring drives lasting more
27 than two minutes and 51 seconds; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mustain threw touchdown passes of 52, 32, and 10 yards to
30 Williams, 59 yards to Norman, and ten yards to senior running back Victor
31 Pongonis; and

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33 WHEREAS, Williams also scored on a 54-yard run and Clinkscales, who
34 cracked the 1000-yard mark during the game, ran 13 yards for another score;
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1 WHEREAS, Springdale's state championship was its fifth recognized by
2 the Arkansas Activities Association, the Bulldogs also winning titles in
3 1968, 1969, 1982, and 1989 under Coach Jarrell Williams; and

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5 WHEREAS, it was the third title for Bulldog Coach Gus Malzhan who also
6 guided Shiloh Christian, a private school in Springdale, to Class AA state
7 championships in 1998 and 1999,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of
14 Arkansas congratulates the Springdale Bulldogs on a historic season and as
15 Class AAAAA football champions.

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