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7 HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 TO CONGRATULATE THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RED
9 WOLVES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SUN BELT
10 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE AUTONATION CURE BOWL.
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21 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State University Red Wolves football team won the
22 2016 Sun Belt Conference Championship for a 2nd straight year; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves became the only FBS program in the nation to
25 win 5 conference titles over the last 6 seasons; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves defeated the University of Central Florida on
28 December 17, 2016, in Orlando with a final score of 31-13 in the AutoNation
29 Cure Bowl; and
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31 WHEREAS, the team ended the 2016 season by winning 8 of its last 9
32 games to post an 8-5 overall record; and
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34 WHEREAS, Arkansas State became 1 of just 2 programs in history to win 5
35 Sun Belt Conference championships; and
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1 WHEREAS, Arkansas State made a school record with a 6th consecutive
2 bowl game appearance; and
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4 WHEREAS, junior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones was named the Sun
5 Belt Conference Most Valuable Player and broke the conference records for
6 single season and career sacks; and
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8 WHEREAS, senior wide receiver Kendall Sanders was named the AutoNation
9 Cure Bowl Most Valuable Player after tying the school record for touchdowns
10 scored in postseason game; and
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12 WHEREAS, in 11 of the last 14 years, including 2015, the Red Wolves
13 football team has won the Sun Belt Conference Team Academic Award; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves claimed a 35-3 victory over then-ranked No. 25
16 Troy State on November 17, 2016, to claim their 2nd win over a Top 25 team
17 since joining the FBS in 1992; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves put together its 6th consecutive winning season
20 for the 1st time since 1917; and
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22 WHEREAS, Blake Anderson, born in Jonesboro, led Arkansas State as head
23 coach and now has the most wins of any head coach in school history over his
24 first 3 seasons at the school; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves led the nation in tackles for loss; and
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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas State posted its 12th consecutive season with a
29 winning record at Centennial Bank Stadium; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Red Wolves' 8 wins gave the program 52 victories over the
32 last 6 seasons to rank as the 23rd-highest in the nation over that span; and
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34 WHEREAS, 16 players who have already earned their degrees from Arkansas
35 State University competed in the AutoNation Cure Bowl; and
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1 WHEREAS, Director of Athletics Terry Mohajir and his staff provided
2 exceptional leadership in the operations of the athletics department to
3 support the success of the student athletes; and
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5 WHEREAS, Arkansas State had 16 players named All-Sun Belt Conference
6 this year to match the most in school history, including first-team
7 selections senior offensive lineman Jemar Clark, senior defensive end Chris
8 Odom, junior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones, and senior defensive back
9 Money Hunter; second-team selections junior tight end Blake Mack, senior
10 offensive lineman Colton Jackson, senior linebacker Xavier Woodson-Luster,
11 senior defensive back Cody Brown, sophomore defensive back Justin Clifton,
12 junior return specialist and cornerback Blaise Taylor, sophomore running back
13 Warren Wand; honorable mention selections sophomore quarterback Justice
14 Hansen, senior defensive back Chris Humes, senior defensive lineman Waylon
15 Roberson, and senior wide receiver Kendall Sanders; and newcomer-team
16 selection junior linebacker Kyle Wilson,
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 THAT the House of Representatives congratulates the Arkansas State
23 University Red Wolves football team for their outstanding 2016 season, back-
24 to-back Sun Belt Conference championships, and victory in the 2016 AutoNation
25 Cure Bowl.
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon the adoption of this resolution, a copy
28 shall be transmitted to the Chancellor of Arkansas State University by the
29 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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