

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023

HR 1009

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5 By: Representative Walker  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IZARD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS  
9 FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE 2022 SANCTIONED 8-MAN STATE  
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17 FIRST YEAR OF VARSITY FOOTBALL.  
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19 WHEREAS, the 2022 Izard County High School Cougars football team won  
20 the Arkansas Activities Association sanctioned 8-Man Football State  
21 Championship after defeating the Rector High School Cougars, thirty-six (36)  
22 to twenty-six (26), at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, on  
23 Thursday, December 1, 2022; and  
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25 WHEREAS, with this win, the Izard County High School Cougars earned a  
26 state championship sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association in their  
27 first year of varsity football; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Izard County High School Cougars completed the season with  
30 a 9-2 overall record and an unbeaten 5-0 conference record; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the Izard County High School Cougars included Malachi Cruz,  
33 Wyatt Buchanan, Tyler Hill, Dakota Townsley, Noah Stevenson, Garrett Roberts,  
34 Gaven Stephens, Xander McCandlis, Jesse Warden, Jameson Chapman, Tyler  
35 Morehead, Adam Morgan, Tristin Wood, Porter Burton, Noah Mosley, Justin  
36 Brewer, Ashton Grisham, Archer Booth, Micah Olson, Chase Chapman, Brody



1 Hightower, Rico Cruz, Evan Ogle, Emanuele Scorza, Vincent Modi, Vincent Wase,  
2 Vincent Fobker, and Lucas Berchert; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Izard County High School Cougars were led by Head Coach  
5 Jared Johnson, and assistant coaches Carlton Hill, Brody Ninemire, David  
6 Jones, and Kyle McCandlis; and

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8 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jared Johnson received the Hooten's Arkansas Farm  
9 Bureau 8-Man Coach of the Year Award for the most outstanding 8-Man Football  
10 coach in the state; and

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12 WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz, Wyatt Buchanan, and Tyler Hill were named all-  
13 state and Dakota Townsley was named honorable mention all-state; and

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15 WHEREAS, Xander McCandlis and Jesse Warden were named honorable mention  
16 all-conference;

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18 WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz, Wyatt Buchanan, Tyler Hill, Dakota Townsley,  
19 Noah Stevenson, Garrett Roberts, and Gaven Stephens, were named all-  
20 conference; and

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22 WHEREAS, Jameson Chapman was selected as the Brandon Burlsworth's  
23 Player of the Game in the State Championship Game; and

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25 WHEREAS, Malachi Cruz was named the most valuable player in the  
26 sanctioned 8-Man Football State Championship Game,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
30 ASSEMBLY:

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32 THAT the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly  
33 recognize the Izard County High School Cougars football team as the 2022  
34 Sanctioned 8-Man Football State Champions.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be

1 provided to Head Coach Jared Johnson and the IZARD County High School Cougars  
2 football team by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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