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5 By: Senator A. Clark

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE MALVERN LEOPARDS FOOTBALL TEAM AS
9 THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE CLASS 4A STATE
15 CHAMPIONS.

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17 WHEREAS, the Malvern Leopards bested the Harding Academy Wildcats to
18 take the Class 4A state football championship with a score of 64-39 at War
19 Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday, December 10, 2022,
20 claiming the team's first state title in twenty-nine (29) years and the
21 second in school history; and

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23 WHEREAS, following two (2) inclement weather delays totaling three and
24 one-half hours (3 1/2), the two (2) teams were able to get back on the field
25 and combined for one thousand one hundred thirty-seven (1,137) yards of
26 offense, which is the second highest offense in Arkansas state championship
27 game history; and

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29 WHEREAS, unforeseen scheduling changes prior to the beginning of the
30 regular season left Malvern with only three (3) home games; and

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32 WHEREAS, between the regular season games and playoff games, the team
33 traveled approximately one thousand seven hundred (1,700) miles of road
34 trips, including trips to Riverview; Glen Rose; Hernando, Mississippi;
35 Waldron; Mena; Nashville; Lamar; Warren; and War Memorial Stadium,



1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the Senate congratulate and recognize the Malvern Leopards
6 football team as the Class 4A state champions.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be
9 provided to Coach J.D. Plumlee by the Secretary of the Senate.

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