

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
4  
5 By: Senator K. Hammer

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER GIRLS  
9 VOLLEYBALL, THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER BOYS GOLF  
10 TEAM, AND THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER CHEERLEADING  
11 TEAM.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 PANTHER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, THE BENTON HIGH  
17 SCHOOL PANTHER BOYS GOLF TEAM, AND THE  
18 BENTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHER CHEERLEADING  
19 TEAM.

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21 WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, the Benton High School Panther Girls  
22 Volleyball Team won the 2022 Class 5A State Volleyball Championship in Hot  
23 Springs, Arkansas; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team were the  
26 2022 5A Conference Champions, had a conference record of 14-0, and won the  
27 Little Rock Christian Invitational and the Fort Smith Invitational; and

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29 WHEREAS, Abigail Lagemann was named the Most Valuable Player of the  
30 Volleyball State Championship and named to the All-State Team and Henley  
31 Hooks, Kenzie Garrett, and Khenedi Guest were named to the All-State Team;  
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34 WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team is  
35 coached by Head Coach Michelle Shoppach and the assistant coaches are Heidi  
36 Cox, Brooke White, and Suzanne Reggins; and



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2           WHEREAS, Head Coach Shoppach stated “This team had a swagger about  
3 them, they did not get flustered. They were able to handle adversity and  
4 rally together to slay their opponents. The chaos we created in practice made  
5 it easy to handle game situations. Their motto was FTP, Feed-the-Panther.”;  
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8           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Girls Volleyball Team includes  
9 Gracie Aldebot, Emmaline Armstrong, Karlee Backus, Elle Bolding, Addie Burns,  
10 Aubrey Chrestman, Delaney Cooper, Hannah Edington, Ellie Ferguson, Kam Flynn,  
11 Kenzie Garrett, Khenedi Guest, Anna Grace Hardy, Evie Hendrix, Henley Hooks,  
12 Drew Hudspeth, Abigail Lagemann, Olivia Little, Lexi Mahan, Presley Palette,  
13 Addy-Mae Seagraves, Parker Sollars, and Parker Stearns; and  
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15           WHEREAS, on October 4, 2022, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf  
16 Team won the Class 5A Boys State Golf Championship in Benton, Arkansas; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team won the state  
19 championship with a score of two hundred ninety-eight (298) points and won  
20 the conference championship with a score of three hundred one (301); and  
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22           WHEREAS, Paxton Lane was a winner of the overall championship and was  
23 named to the All-State and All-Conference Teams; and  
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25           WHEREAS, Eli Cowden, Elias Payne, and Mason McDaniel, were named to the  
26 All-Conference Team and Elias Payne, Maddox Davis, and Mason McDaniel, were  
27 named to the All-State Team; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the Head Coach for the Benton High School Panthers Boys Golf  
30 Team is Mark Balisterri; and  
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32           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team includes Eli  
33 Cowden, Whit Warford, Dominic Miceli, Mason McDaniel, Maddox Davis, Elias  
34 Payne, Gavyn Benson, J. Thomas Pepper, Paxton Lane, Joe Duke, Grant Warford,  
35 and Cameron Barton; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team won the 2022  
2 Class 5A State Cheerleading Championship; and

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4           WHEREAS, with this win, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading  
5 Team repeated as Class 5A State Cheerleading Champions and placed second in  
6 the 2022 State Cheerleading Championships; and

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8           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team placed 6th  
9 out of twenty-nine (29) teams in the Medium Division II at the Universal  
10 Cheerleading Association National High School Cheerleading Championship; and

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12           WHEREAS, the members of the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading  
13 Team are not only outstanding athletes, but also gave back to their community  
14 and the team has a combined total of over two hundred (200) hours of  
15 community service; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team is coached  
18 by Head Coach Jaime Bunting and the assistant coach is Colton Watson; and

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20           WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers Cheerleading Team includes  
21 Addie Harding, Anna Grace Hardy, Abby Harrison, Cadence Clement, Kade  
22 Robbins, Lily Tindall, Maggie Armstrong, Maggie Bacon, Taylor Doggett, Zoey  
23 Hawkins, Lizzie Bacon, Macy White, Addison Golden, Claire Cornwell, Lily  
24 Cavaneau, Preslee Hambric, Sailor Holland, Will Tudor, Allie Stoll, Macy  
25 Sparks, Amy Anthony, Brooklynn Bailey, Callia Givens, Emily Richardson, Faith  
26 Dougherty, Hannah Still, and Madyson Bright,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
30 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32           THAT the Senate recognize the Benton High School Panther Girls  
33 Volleyball Team, the Benton High School Panther Boys Golf Team, and the  
34 Benton High School Panther Cheerleading Team for winning their respective  
35 Class 5A State Championships.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be  
2 provided to Benton High School Principal Curt Barger by the Secretary of the  
3 Senate.

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