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2 85th General Assembly
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HR 1002

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5 By: Representative Medley

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FORT
10 SMITH LIONS AS NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC
11 ASSOCIATION NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 ARKANSAS FORT SMITH LIONS AS NATIONAL
16 JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
17 NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

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20 WHEREAS, third-year Coach Jeremy Cox's dream came true this season as
21 he not only took the University of Arkansas Fort Smith basketball team to the
22 junior college "big dance" but also helped cut down the nets after winning
23 the national championship; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Lions' season-long journey ended with a 68-59 win over
26 Tallahassee (Florida) Community College in the national championship game at
27 historic Hutchinson Sports Arena; and

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29 WHEREAS, it was the Lions' first national championship in twenty-five
30 (25) years and first since beating Lincoln (Illinois) College 67-50 to win
31 the 1981 title game; and

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33 WHEREAS, sophomores Bruce Carter and Hatila Passos combined for twenty-
34 four (24) second-half points as the Lions captured their second national
35 championship; and

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1 WHEREAS, the remaining players on the Lions roster are: Renato DaPaz,
2 Ryan McCoy, Martinez Martin, Memo Rodriguez, Nate Crawford, Luke Folkerts,
3 Sonny Weems, Mark Mangum, Clayton Wrice, Nick Campbell, Justin Bailey, Jordan
4 Brooks, Fabio Nass, C.J. McCoy, and Marvell Vealy; and

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6 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeremy Cox was aided by Assistant Coaches Alvin
7 Brooks, III and Charles Harral, Trainer Stuart Nichols, and Team Managers
8 Greg Carthon and Ro Jae Baker,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,
11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

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14 THAT the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly
15 congratulates the University of Arkansas Fort Smith Lions mens' basketball
16 team as National Junior College Athletic Association national champions and
17 commends the players and coaches on an excellent season.