

1 State of Arkansas  
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HR 1001

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE VALLEY VIEW HIGH  
9 SCHOOL BLAZERS BASEBALL TEAM ON ITS CLASS 5A STATE  
10 CHAMPIONSHIP.

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15 VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BLAZERS BASEBALL TEAM ON  
16 ITS CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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19 WHEREAS, the Valley View High School Blazers baseball team defeated the  
20 Maumelle Hornets at the University of Central Arkansas's Bear Stadium with a  
21 final score of 5-0 on Sunday, May 19, 2024, becoming the Class 5A State  
22 Champions; and

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24 WHEREAS, this win was the Valley View Blazers baseball team's first  
25 state championship win since 2021, after back-to-back losses in the 2022 and  
26 2023 Class 4A State Championship games, and its fourth state championship win  
27 in school history; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Valley View Blazers baseball team has an overall record of  
30 31-2 for the season and an undefeated record of 14-0 in its conference, with  
31 no in-state teams having beaten the Blazers this season; and

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33 WHEREAS, University of Arkansas signee and senior pitcher Lance Davis  
34 was named the Most Valuable Player following the team's victory in the state  
35 championship game; and

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1           WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 2024 season, the Valley View Blazers  
2 baseball team was ranked as the twenty-sixth best team in the country by  
3 Perfect Game in its preseason High School Top 50, and by the end of the 2024  
4 season, the team was ranked as the eighteenth best team in the country by  
5 Perfect Game in its postseason High School Top 50; and

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7           WHEREAS, four (4) players on the Valley View Blazers baseball team have  
8 already signed to play for National Collegiate Athletics Association Division  
9 I programs during the next season, including Slade Caldwell, Eli Crecelius,  
10 Lance Davis, and Lawson Ward; and

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12           WHEREAS, teamwork is an essential life skill for young people to  
13 develop in order for them to become exceptional professionals, and  
14 successfully working together as a team teaches the importance of trust,  
15 accountability, and respect for others despite their differences; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Valley View Blazers baseball team's state championship win  
18 would not have been possible if not for Coach Josh Allison and his leadership  
19 and compassion for his team, which allowed this group of talented young men  
20 to achieve something they will remember for the rest of their lives; and

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22           WHEREAS, Coach Josh Allison is quoted as saying, "I told them before  
23 the game we already won the season. We've already won. We've already done  
24 everything we can do. Now it's just time to go out there and play one last  
25 game together; I'm proud of them.",

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31           THAT the House of Representatives recognize and congratulate the Valley  
32 View High School Blazers baseball team as the 2024 Class 5A State Champions.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be  
35 provided to Coach Josh Allison by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
36 Representatives.