

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

HR 1023

4
5 By: Representative Steimel
6
7

8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE SALEM FOOTBALL TEAM AS THE CLASS 3A
10 STATE CHAMPIONS.
11

12 Subtitle

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE SALEM FOOTBALL TEAM AS
14 THE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONS.
15
16

17 WHEREAS, the Salem Greyhounds bested the Bismarck Lions to take the
18 Class 3A state football title for the first time, in their first state finals
19 appearance, with a score of 42-34 at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock,
20 Arkansas, on Friday, December 13, 2024; and
21

22 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds finished the season with twelve (12) wins and
23 three (3) losses, the most wins in a season in school history; and
24

25 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds are back-to-back Class 3A-2 conference
26 champions; and
27

28 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds' offense averaged thirty-eight and four-tenths
29 (38.4) points per game in the playoffs; and
30

31 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds' defense gave up an average of only seventeen
32 and eight-tenths (17.8) points per game in the playoffs; and
33

34 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds rushed for over four thousand nine hundred
35 (4,900) yards and passed for over one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250)
36 yards during the season; and



1
2 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds were led by All-State players Skyler Payne,
3 Caleb Leisenring, Kaiden Hollis, and Keagan Sanderson; and
4

5 WHEREAS, Jackson Taylor earned Finals Most Valuable Player honors after
6 going five (5) for five (5) passing for one hundred twenty-nine (129) yards
7 and a touchdown and also rushing for sixty-nine (69) yards and two (2)
8 scores; and
9

10 WHEREAS, Greyhounds Head Coach Josh Watson was awarded Ozark Radio News
11 Coach of the Year, 2-3A Coach of the Year, Hooten's Arkansas Football/Farm
12 Bureau 3A Coach of the Year, Arkansas Sports Network Coach of the Year, and
13 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Coach of the Year; and
14

15 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds were also supported by assistant coaches Billy
16 Webber, Luke Barker, Ben Leisenring, and Seth Brazeal; and
17

18 WHEREAS, Greyhounds Assistant Coach Billy Webber was nominated for the
19 Broyles Award, which goes to the top high school assistant coach in the State
20 of Arkansas,
21

22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
25

26 THAT the House of Representatives congratulate and recognize the Salem
27 Greyhounds football team as the Class 3A state champions.
28

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be
30 provided to Coach Josh Watson by the Chief Clerk of the House of
31 Representatives.
32
33
34
35
36