

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HR 1087

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5 By: Representative Vaught

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE DE QUEEN HIGH SCHOOL LADY LEOPARDS  
10 BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE THE DE QUEEN HIGH SCHOOL  
15 LADY LEOPARDS BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE  
16 CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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18 WHEREAS, the De Queen High School Lady Leopards basketball team won the  
19 Class 4A state championship held at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas,  
20 on March 14, 2025; and

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22 WHEREAS, this was the second state championship title for the Lady  
23 Leopards, and their first since 2003; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards defeated the previously undefeated Pulaski  
26 Academy Lady Bruins by a score of sixty-two (62) to fifty-four (54) to win  
27 the state championship; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards finished the season with a record of thirty-  
30 five wins and one loss (35-1), setting a record for the most wins in a single  
31 season in school history; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards had fifteen (15) steals and forced twenty  
34 (20) turnovers in the championship game, and they converted these into twenty  
35 (20) points; and

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1           WHEREAS, Lady Leopards team members are Azulenny Ponce, Landri Liggin,  
2 Lynli Liggin, Jessie Lyle, Shalyn Lyle, Ellie Morpew, Brielle Cooper, Karlie  
3 Bush, Tegan Gallardo, Kate Lindsey, Kailynn Klitz, Layken Young, Emma  
4 Chambers, and Heavenly Picking along with managers Citlally Ruiz, Denise  
5 Hernandez, and Nadelyn Ruiz; and  
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7           WHEREAS, team member Shalyn Lyle was named the state championship's  
8 Most Valuable Player; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the Lady Leopards were led by Head Coach Bret Burgess and  
11 Assistant Coach Jacie Engler; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Head Coach Bret Burgess said of the victory, "They bought into  
14 the plan and worked hard to make it happen [with] defense, effort, and guts",  
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20           THAT the House of Representatives recognize the De Queen High School  
21 Lady Leopards basketball team as the Class 4A state champions.  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to Head Coach Bret Burgess by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
25 Representatives.  
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