

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HR 1089

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5 By: Representatives Childress, Furman, Hawk, Brooks

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS BOYS'  
10 BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL  
15 PANTHERS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE  
16 CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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18 WHEREAS, the Benton High School Panthers boys' basketball team won the  
19 Class 5A 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 Panthers' first state championship win in  
23 basketball; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Panthers beat rival Maumelle by a score of fifty-eight  
26 (58) to fifty-seven (57) points; and

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28 WHEREAS, a successful layup with fewer than four (4) seconds remaining  
29 by team member Terrion Burgess clinched the state championship victory for  
30 the Panthers; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Panthers' overall season record was thirty-one wins and  
33 three losses (31-3); and

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35 WHEREAS, the Panthers are also back-to-back Class 5A South Conference  
36 champions; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Panthers' conference record for the last two (2) years was  
3 thirty-two wins and zero losses (32-0); and  
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5 WHEREAS, during the 2024-2025 conference season, the Panthers outscored  
6 their opponents by one thousand one hundred ninety (1,190) points to six  
7 hundred thirty (630) points, and averaged a thirty-five-point win in each  
8 game; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Panthers set school records for most wins with twenty-nine  
11 (29) wins during the 2023-2024 season and thirty (30) wins during the 2024-  
12 2025 season; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 team members for the Panthers are Peyton  
15 Bolding, Terrion Burgess, Carson Douglas, Pratt Fulks, A.D. Gray, Michael  
16 Hendrix, Jack Hope, Chris Johnson, Xavier Jones, Caleb Knight, Jeremiah Lea,  
17 Harrison Pickett, Javarious Russell, Elem Shelby, Braden Smith, Anthony  
18 Spratt, Jr., and D.J. Trotter, and team managers are Henk Geimer and Will  
19 Sams; and  
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21 WHEREAS, team member Terrion Burgess earned All-State Honors and was  
22 named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament; and  
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24 WHEREAS, team member Harrison Pickett earned All-State Honors and was  
25 named to the All-State Tournament Team, and he signed a Division 1  
26 scholarship with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, making him one (1)  
27 of only a few students in school history to have signed with a Division 1  
28 university; and  
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30 WHEREAS, team member Anthony Spratt, Jr., earned All-State Honors, and  
31 is the first freshman in school history to do so; and  
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33 WHEREAS, team member Elem Shelby earned All-Conference Honors and was  
34 named to the All-State Tournament Team; and  
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36 WHEREAS, team members Javarious Russell, Caleb Knight, and A.D. Gray

1 all earned All-Conference Honors; and

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3 WHEREAS, the Panthers were led by Head Coach Dexter Hendrix and  
4 Assistant Coaches Tyler Gattin, Terry Burgess, Kendrick Smith, and Luke  
5 Flowers; and

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7 WHEREAS, Head Coach Dexter Hendrix was honored as the Class 5A South  
8 Conference Coach of the Year during both the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons;  
9 and

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11 WHEREAS, Head Coach Dexter Hendrix said of the win and the season,  
12 "This season was truly remarkable. This team set a new school record for the  
13 most wins in a single season, achieving an impressive thirty-one victories.  
14 They also secured back-to-back conference championships, extending their  
15 conference winning streak to thirty-two games. Their resilience and  
16 determination throughout the year were exceptional, and I couldn't be prouder  
17 of the way they concluded the season. This team will forever be etched in the  
18 history of Benton High School as the first to win a state championship",

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Benton High School  
25 Panthers boys' basketball team as the Class 5A state champions.

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to Head Coach Dexter Hendrix by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
29 Representatives.