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5 By: Senator Crowell

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS BASEBALL
10 TEAM AS THE 2024 CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE THE TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL
15 TIGERS BASEBALL TEAM AS THE 2024 CLASS
16 1A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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18 WHEREAS, the Taylor High School Tigers baseball team won the 2024 Class
19 1A state championship held on May 16, 2024, at Bear Stadium at the University
20 of Central Arkansas in Conway; and

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22 WHEREAS, this was the third straight Class 1A state championship win
23 for the Tigers and the eighth such win in school history, moving the Tigers
24 into a tie with the Sylvan Hills High School Bears for the fourth most
25 baseball championships in the State of Arkansas; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Tigers won the championship game by besting the West Side
28 Greers Ferry Eagles by a score of ten points to two points (10-2); and

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30 WHEREAS, the Tigers finished the 2023-2024 season with a seventeen-game
31 winning streak and an overall record of twenty-three wins and four losses
32 (23-4); and

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34 WHEREAS, Tigers team members are Abram Andrews, Cannon Fowler, Wade
35 Barton, Carson Franks, Ryder Tate, Jessie Umphries, Ben Fantini, Jasper
36 Jones, Jacob Vandenberg, Cason Anders, Tuff Turnage, Kaleb Downs, Tucker



1 Smith, Haydn Warrick, Aiden Hosley, Evin West, Max Montgomery, Landon Adams,
2 Titus Herman, Bayli Bramlett, Aiden Watson, and Ryder Millsap as well as team
3 manager Lucas Saunders and bat boy Silas Smith; and
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5 WHEREAS, team member Jessie Umphries was named to the All-State
6 Tournament Team; and
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8 WHEREAS, team members Jessie Umphries, Aiden Hosley, and Jacob
9 Vandenberg earned All-Region Honors; and
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11 WHEREAS, team members Jessie Umphries, Aiden Hosley, Kaleb Downs, and
12 Jacob Vandenberg earned All-Conference Honors; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by Head Coach Brian Fowler and Assistant
15 Coaches Scott Smith and Hayden Lindsey; and
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17 WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Waylon Woodell was named to the All-
18 State Tournament Team and the All-Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Second Team,
19 earned All-State Honors, All-Conference Honors, and All-Region Honors, and
20 was named a Natural State Sports Second Team Infielder, an Arkansas
21 Activities Association All-Star Game Selection, and a Fellowship of Christian
22 Athletes All-Star Game Selection; and
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24 WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Mason Lindsey earned All-State Honors
25 and All-Conference Honors and was named the Class 1A Arkansas PBS Scholar
26 Athlete, an Arkansas Activities Association All-Star Game Selection, and a
27 Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Game Selection; and
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29 WHEREAS, 2023-2024 team member Austin Aycock was named the state
30 championship tournament Most Valuable Player and earned All-Conference
31 Honors; and
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33 WHEREAS, Head Coach Brian Fowler said of the season and the win, "Most
34 high school players and coaches go their entire careers without getting close
35 to playing in a state championship game, much less winning one. Winning a
36 state championship is the ultimate team goal in high school athletics, so for

1 our players to be able to three-peat is truly remarkable. When you add in the
2 fact that our last two teams have been able to play well under the outside
3 pressure of being ranked number one in the state for the entire spring shows
4 how mentally tough that our guys are",
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6 NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
8 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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10 THAT the Senate recognize the Taylor High School Tigers baseball team
11 as the 2024 Class 1A state champions.
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Head Coach Brian Fowler by the Secretary of the Senate.
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