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5 By: Senator Crowell

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO CONGRATULATE THE STUDENTS OF MURFREESBORO HIGH  
10 SCHOOL FOR THEIR VICTORIES IN COMPETITIVE  
11 COMPUTERIZED NUMERIC CONTROL METAL, WOOD, AND LASER  
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15 **Subtitle**

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22 WHEREAS, Girl Power Goes State! is a regional and state competition  
23 focusing on Arkansas female high school students creating designs using  
24 Computerized Numeric Control metal, wood, and laser machine technology; and  
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26 WHEREAS, this year's regional event for Dawson Education Cooperative  
27 was hosted on February 13, 2025, at National Park College Career Academy in  
28 Hot Springs; and  
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30 WHEREAS, this event is designed to encourage more female students to  
31 undertake studies in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
32 fields and to increase awareness of opportunities for women in high-demand,  
33 high-wage professions such as welding, agriculture power, structural and  
34 technical systems, computer science, and engineering; and  
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36 WHEREAS, competitors designed and built their own projects in the



1 agriculture shop while documenting with pictures, itemized bills for  
2 materials, the screenshots of their designs and settings, and a small write-  
3 up about how they completed the projects; and  
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5 WHEREAS, competitors were judged on design, creativity, technical  
6 skill, and portfolio presentation; and  
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8 WHEREAS, judges chose top projects and interviewed the competitors who  
9 completed those projects; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the judging process helps focus the competition on competitors  
12 who design and draw their own projects; and  
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14 WHEREAS, this group of competitors historically excels because they  
15 learn the programming quickly and are able to easily and naturally explain  
16 their creation processes; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the top five (5) projects chosen were all by students from  
19 Murfreesboro High School and were chosen based on judges' interviews with the  
20 five (5) students and review of the students' projects; and  
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22 WHEREAS, winning competitors included first-place winner Chloe Beck,  
23 second-place winner Addison Cox, and third-place winner Lillie Mays, Adyson  
24 James, and Gracie Goodwin; and  
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26 WHEREAS, these winning students were advised and supported by educator  
27 Blake Simmons; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Murfreesboro High School is beyond proud of its student  
30 winners in this competition and looks forward in years to come to expanding  
31 the school workshop in order to have capacity for even bigger and better  
32 projects; and  
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34 WHEREAS, this year, Murfreesboro High School received a grant to  
35 purchase a laser in order to be able to compete in this category, and next  
36 year the school will add a Computerized Numeric Control plasma table and

1 possibly a Computerized Numeric Control wood router also; and

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3 WHEREAS, all Murfreesboro High School students benefit from access to  
4 this technology and instruction, using it to gain knowledge and, for many, to  
5 translate that knowledge into future home businesses, construction trade  
6 work, custom fabrication, and many high-demand, high-wage jobs in Southwest  
7 Arkansas,

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9 NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
11 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 THAT the Senate congratulate the students of Murfreesboro High School  
14 for their victories in competitive Computerized Numeric Control metal, wood,  
15 and laser design.

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to advisor Blake Simmons by the Secretary of the Senate.

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