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5 By: Senator Irvin

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS WOMEN'S
10 BASKETBALL TEAM, FEATURING FOUR (4) PLAYERS FROM
11 ARKANSAS, AS THE 2025 NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
12 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

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15 **Subtitle**

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19 NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC
20 ASSOCIATION DIVISION I NATIONAL
21 CHAMPIONS.

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23 WHEREAS, the women's basketball team of the College of the Ozarks in
24 Point Lookout, Missouri, won the National Christian College Athletic
25 Association Division I National Championship held at College of the Ozarks on
26 March 22, 2025; and

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28 WHEREAS, four (4) members of the championship team graduated from
29 Arkansas high schools; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Senate hereby recognizes the contributions of these
32 Arkansas women in helping our Missouri neighbors secure a national
33 championship; and

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35 WHEREAS, guard Abbey Linville is a graduate of Rural Special High
36 School at Fox, guard Taylor Rush is a graduate of Batesville High School,



1 guard Blythe Benefield is a graduate of Paragould High School, and
2 forward Savannah Ketchum is a graduate of Bergman High School,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
6 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate recognize the College of the Ozarks women's basketball
9 team, featuring four (4) players from Arkansas, as the 2025 National
10 Christian College Athletic Association Division I National Champions.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate acknowledge the success of these
13 Arkansas women and their teammates and recognize the work ethic required to
14 accomplish the feat of winning a national title.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate recognize the academic success of
17 these honor roll students.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate recognize and honor these women for
20 the way they represented College of the Ozarks, also known as "Hard Work U",
21 and their home state of Arkansas.

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