

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HR 1026

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5 By: Representative Richmond

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS AS THE  
10 2025 CLASS 3A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO RECOGNIZE THE MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
15 TIGERS AS THE 2025 CLASS 3A FOOTBALL  
16 STATE CHAMPIONS.

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18 WHEREAS, the Mansfield High School Tigers won the 2025 Class 3A state  
19 championship held on December 13, 2025, at War Memorial Stadium in Little  
20 Rock, Arkansas; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Tigers won the championship game during their first-ever  
23 state championship appearance by besting the Fordyce High School Redbugs with  
24 a final score of forty (40) points to thirty (30) points (40-30); and

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26 WHEREAS, with their championship victory, the Tigers won their first  
27 state championship in program history and set a record for the most rushing  
28 yards in a state championship game, with four hundred eighty-nine (489)  
29 rushing yards; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Tigers completed the season with a perfect season record  
32 of fourteen wins and zero losses (14-0), and were the first team in program  
33 history to do so; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Tigers were back-to-back conference champions for the  
36 first time in program history; and



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WHEREAS, the Tigers scored the most points of any football program in Arkansas, across all classifications, with six hundred fifty-nine (659) points, set the state record for the most two-point conversions, with seventy-six (76) two-point conversions, and scored the tenth most rushing yards in a season, with five thousand one hundred thirty-five (5,135); and

WHEREAS, the Tigers offensive line was named the Arkansas Sports Network Offensive Line of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers team members were Andrew Burton, Zander Walters, Ethan Martin, Caiden Ore, Jubal Parks, Cooper Edwards, Matthew Burton, Silas Burton, Michael Carter, Jeremiah Burton, Joe Carter, Logan Ore, James Bausley, Chandler Whisman, Dalton Knowles, Colton Moore, Riley Hillard, Vantha Uk, Treven Hattabaugh, Layton Pyles, Isaac Carson, Zach Miller, Alex Hecox, Dieuphny Smithson, Easton Foley, Mason Bryant, Landen Bascue, Travis Gilmer, Timmy Norton, Thomas Boyd, Nathan Dyer, Clayton Garrison, Hayden Miles, Matthew Knight, Christian Risner, and Raihan Black; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers trainers and managers were Daisy Nelson, Kaylee Ward, Molley Estep, Drake Brunson, Remington Steele, and Lincoln Allison; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by Head Coach Whit Overton, Defensive Coordinator Layton Robinson, and Assistant Coaches Trevon Moore, Daniel Martin, Keith Stovall, and Adam Bozant; and

WHEREAS, Tigers team member Andrew Burton is a two-time All-State honoree, was named to the 2025 AAA All-Star Team and the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Super Team, was named Hooten's Class 3A Offensive Player of the Year, River Valley Democrat Gazette Offensive Player of the Year, and the 2025 Class 3A state championship game Most Valuable Player, and scored the second most rushing yards in a state championship game, with three hundred twenty-one (321) rushing yards, had the eighth most rushing touchdowns in a season, with forty (40) rushing touchdowns, and had the second most touch downs in a playoff game, with six (6) touchdowns; and

1           WHEREAS, Tigers team member Zander Walters is a two-time All-State  
2 honoree and was named to the 2025 AAA All-Star Team and the River Valley  
3 Democrat Gazette All-Area Team; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Tigers team member Ethan Martin is a two-time All-State  
6 honoree, was named to the River Valley Democrat Gazette All-Area Team, and  
7 received the Burlsworth Award for Best Linesman in the state championship  
8 game; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Tigers team member Caiden Ore was a 2025 All-State honoree and  
11 was named to the River Valley Democrat Gazette All-Area Team; and  
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13           WHEREAS, Tigers team member Jubal Parks was a 2025 All-State honoree;  
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16           WHEREAS, Tigers team members Cooper Edwards, Matthew Burton, Silas  
17 Burton, Michael Carter, Jeremiah Burton, Joe Carter, Logan Ore, and James  
18 Bausley earned All-Conference honors; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Tigers Head Coach Whit Overton said of the team and the  
21 victory, "When I came to Mansfield, everybody thought I was crazy leaving a  
22 program like Booneville like I did. I just believed in myself, and I believe  
23 in this community that I could come to a place like Mansfield and have that  
24 similar success. When you have great kids that buy into it and that want to  
25 work hard, and you know we don't have a lot on the team, but those kids are  
26 dedicated completely to being a champion. And they proved it tonight, that  
27 that's what it takes – hard work and effort.",  
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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33           THAT the House of Representatives recognize the Mansfield High School  
34 Tigers football team as the 2025 Class 3A state champions.  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Head Coach Whit Overton by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
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