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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE EARLE HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS BOYS'
10 BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE 2025 AND 2026 CLASS 1A STATE
11 CHAMPIONS.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO RECOGNIZE THE EARLE HIGH SCHOOL
16 BULLDOGS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE
17 2025 AND 2026 CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS.

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19 WHEREAS, the Earle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team won the
20 2025 Class 1A state championship at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas
21 on March 15, 2025; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs defeated the Marked Tree Indians by a
24 score of forty-eight (48) to forty-four (44); and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs finished their season with a record of
27 twenty-five wins and four losses (25-4); and

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29 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs team members were Clifton Wren, Ta'ron
30 Hurst, Dereck Lately Jr., Antonius Dorsey, Darion Maples, La'bryant Harris,
31 Jordyn Williams, Dontay Bell, Henry Williams, Jayln Robinson, Aiden Davis,
32 Nassir Doyle, and Tye Sanders; and

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34 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs team managers were Detaveon Holmes and
35 Zavion Maples; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Carl Miller,
2 Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Dale Walker; and
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4 WHEREAS, Head Coach Carl Miller said of the victory in 2025, "I'm so
5 proud of these young men. We had a great season. We had a lot going on and
6 these young men stood behind me... I love all of them and they came through
7 tonight. If we believe and stick together and play defense, we'll get
8 through it"; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Earle High School Bulldogs boys' basketball team won the
11 2026 Class 1A state championship at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas
12 on March 12, 2026; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs defeated the Clarendon Lions by a score
15 of seventy (70) to fifty-eight (58); and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs finished their season with a record of
18 twenty-nine wins and three losses (29-3); and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs team members were Jaden Little, Ta'ron
21 Hurst, Derek Lately Jr., Antonius Dorsey, Aiden Davis, Darion Maples, Tye
22 Sanders, Jordyn Williams, Clifton Wren, Dontay Bell, Keilon Leggiton, Nassir
23 Doyle, Henry Williams, Xavier Jones, Rickey Butler, Donovan Smith, and
24 Markevious Perkins; and
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26 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs team managers were Detaveon Holmes,
27 Zavion Maples, and Jaylen Crawford; and
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29 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Carl Miller,
30 Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Odell Brown; and
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32 WHEREAS, Coach Carl Miller said of the victory in 2026, "Man, it means
33 a lot for the school, the community, and the county. It means a lot because
34 we have a lot of changes going on in and out of our school a lot of times,
35 but these guys persevere and fight. I just thank God for the opportunity to
36 be part of it"; and

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2 WHEREAS, in 2025 and 2026, team member Ta'ron Hurst was named the 1A
3 state championship's Most Valuable Player; and
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5 WHEREAS, as of 2026, the Bulldogs have won twelve (12) state
6 championships, including back-to-back titles in 2025 and 2026, as well as
7 three (3) championships in a row in 2016, 2017, and 2018; and
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9 WHEREAS, Earle High School swept both the boys' and girls' Class 1A
10 state championship in 2026,
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 THAT the Senate recognize the Earle High School Bulldogs boys'
17 basketball team as the 2025 and 2026 Class 1A state champions.
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Head Coach Carl Miller by the Secretary of the Senate.
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