

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4
5 By: Senator R. Murdock
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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE THE EARLE HIGH SCHOOL LADY BULLDOGS
10 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE 2026 CLASS 1A STATE
11 CHAMPIONS.
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 BULLDOGS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE
17 2026 CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS.
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19 WHEREAS, the Earle High School Lady Bulldogs girls' basketball team won
20 the Class 1A state championship held at Bank OZK Arena in Hot Springs,
21 Arkansas, on March 12, 2026; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the West Side Greers Ferry Lady
24 Eagles by a score of seventy-three (73) to fifty-four (54); and
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26 WHEREAS, this was the third state championship for the Lady Bulldogs,
27 and their first since 2018; and
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29 WHEREAS, Earle High School swept both the boys' and girls' Class 1A
30 state championship in 2026; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a record of
33 thirty-four wins and two losses (34-2); and
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35 WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs team members are Madison Glaspie, Jada
36 Maples, Journey Jefferson, Zaniyah Johnson, Aniyah Miller, Aryanna Perry,



1 Jada Cheers, Christian Boykin, Natalie Sanders, Madison Dunn, Kennedy Hinton,
2 Madison Pounds, and Janaria Murry; and

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4 WHEREAS, team member Jada Maples was named the 1A state championship's
5 Most Valuable Player; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Head Coach Steven Jefferson,
8 Assistant Coach Zena Witherspoon, and Assistant Coach Summer Gatewood; and

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10 WHEREAS, Head Coach Steven Jefferson said of the victory, "Man, what an
11 awesome game... [this] was one of the moments that I was hoping to have since
12 last year",

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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
16 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 THAT the Senate recognize the Earle High School Lady Bulldogs girls'
19 basketball team as the Class 1A state champions.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Head Coach Steven Jefferson by the Secretary of the Senate.

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