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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO CONGRATULATE THE MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL LADY
9 BEARKATZ FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO CONGRATULATE THE MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
14 LADY BEARKATZ FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

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16 WHEREAS, the 2019 Melbourne High School Lady Bearkatz basketball team
17 claimed the Class 2A state championship trophy after the Lady Bearkatz
18 defeated the Riverside Lady Rebels with a score of 48-23 at the Bank OZK
19 Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz earned their first 5-on-5 state title and
22 their second state title overall; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz last won the state title in 1973, led by
25 Coach Wayburn Watson; and Coach Watson's great-granddaughter, senior Hallie
26 Cooper, played on this year's winning team and scored 6 points in the
27 championship game; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz were led by sophomore Reagan Rapert, who
30 finished the game with 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals, which
31 earned her Most Valuable Player honors; and

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33 WHEREAS, Josie Roark and Kiley Webb were named All Tournament players;
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36 WHEREAS, the Lady Bearkatz held the Lady Rebels to their lowest point



1 total of the season; and

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3 WHEREAS, the team was well-led by head coach Eric Teague; and

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5 WHEREAS, each player on the Lady Bearkatz team committed herself to
6 excellence and was supported by her school, family, and community,

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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
10 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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12 THAT the Senate congratulates the members of the Melbourne High School
13 Lady Bearkatz basketball team on winning the 2019 Class 2A State
14 Championship.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be
17 presented to head coach Eric Teague by the Secretary of the Senate.