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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ CONGRATULATING EVANGEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AS THE 2025  
5 STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS IN THE ALABAMA CHRISTIAN SPORTS  
6 CONFERENCE.  
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8 WHEREAS, the Evangel Christian Lightning have  
9 demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork,  
10 culminating in their sixth consecutive Alabama Christian  
11 Schools Conference (ACSC) State Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lightning completed the ACSC Softball  
13 Tournament with an undefeated 3-0 record, securing a  
14 hard-fought championship series victory over Ezekiel  
15 Academy; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lightning finished their season with an  
17 impressive 22-10 overall record and a 7-2 record in region  
18 play, demonstrating their consistency and dominance on the  
19 field; and

20 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Melaura  
21 Cranford and Assistant Coaches Brooke Evans and Russell  
22 Bedsole, the team has maintained a standard of excellence,  
23 fostering both athletic and personal growth among its  
24 players; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of the Evangel Christian  
26 Lightning softball team include, Willa Bedsole, Ann Shelton  
27 NesSmith, Lilli Whitfield, Addison Morris, Gracie Vines,  
28 Jaydin Johnson, Ella Ruth Smith, Emma Jones, Bailey Bullock,



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29 Makayla Cranford, Raylee Evans, and Gracelynn Shackelford;  
30 they have exhibited unwavering commitment and sportsmanship  
31 throughout the season; and

32 WHEREAS, individual players made remarkable  
33 contributions, with Makayla Cranford leading in batting  
34 average, Gracelynn Shackelford excelling as the RBI leader,  
35 and Lilli Whitfield securing the most hits, along with Lilli  
36 Whitfield, Raylee Evans, Jaydin Johnson, Makayla Cranford,  
37 and Willa Bedsole showcasing their speed as stolen base  
38 leaders; and

39 WHEREAS, the Lightning have brought great pride to  
40 their school, families, and community through their  
41 perseverance and dedication, serving as an inspiration to  
42 young athletes across Alabama; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
44 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we formally congratulate the  
45 Evangel Christian Lightning on their remarkable achievement  
46 as the 2025 ACSC State Champions and extend best wishes for  
47 their continued success in future seasons.