

By: Representatives Martinson, Denny

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MADISON-RIDGELAND  
2 ACADEMY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING 1998-1999  
3 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE DISTRICT II CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
4 AND THE OVERALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Madison-Ridgeland Academy Patriots Basketball  
6 Team finished the 1998-1999 season with a remarkable record of 34  
7 wins and 5 losses and won the District II Class 4A Championship  
8 and the Overall State Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, many members of the team have received recognition  
10 for their hard work, dedication and superior play this season,  
11 including the selection of Neill Berry to the All-South 4A Team,  
12 the All-State 4A Team and the All-Overall State Team; the naming  
13 of Brian Cronin to the All-South 4A Team, the All-State 4A Team,  
14 the All-Overall State Team, the MPSA All-Star Team and as the Most  
15 Valuable Player in the South 4A; the selection of Seth Hedglin to  
16 All-South 4A Team, the All-State 4A Team, the All-Overall State  
17 Team and the MPSA All-Star Team; the naming of Travis Pope to the  
18 All-South 4A Team, the All-Overall State Team and the MPSA  
19 All-Star Team; and

20 WHEREAS, the Patriots have been superbly coached and inspired  
21 this season by Head Coach Richard Duease and Assistant Coaches  
22 Ross Hailey, Brian Smith and Russ Whiteside, who have broadened  
23 the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
24 execution; and

25 WHEREAS, Coach Duease has brought additional honor to himself  
26 and Madison-Ridgeland Academy by being named the South 4A Coach of  
27 the Year, the State 4A Coach of the Year and the Overall State

28 Coach of the Year; and

29 WHEREAS, the Patriots have developed a winning and  
30 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their  
31 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual  
32 players and their coaches and bring honor to Madison-Ridgeland  
33 Academy; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
35 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of  
36 our state, who are its future:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
39 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Madison-Ridgeland  
40 Academy Patriots Basketball Team and their coaches, Head Coach  
41 Richard Duease and Assistant Coaches Ross Hailey, Brian Smith and  
42 Russ Whiteside, for their outstanding 1998-1999 season, for  
43 winning the District II Class 4A State Championship, the Overall  
44 State Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their  
45 athletic endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to Madison-Ridgeland Academy, Head Coach Richard Duease  
48 and Assistant Coaches Ross Hailey, Brian Smith and Russ Whiteside  
49 and members of the Capitol Press Corps.