

By: Representatives Banks, Fleming, Bozeman, To: Rules
Clarke, Coleman (65th), Denny, Ellington,
Evans, Montgomery, Reeves, Robinson (63rd),
Stribling, Wallace

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 159

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 LANIER HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR
3 OUTSTANDING 1998-99 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 5A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, winning the Class 5A State Championship, the Lanier
6 High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team finished the 1998-99
7 season with an outstanding record of 36 wins and only 3 losses;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, throughout the Bulldogs' season, they won several
10 tournaments, including the Yazoo City Tournament, the Jackson City
11 Tournament, the District Tournament and the North State Tournament
12 and placed second in the JPS Pepsi Holiday Tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs have been superbly coached and inspired
14 by Head Coach Thomas Billups and Assistant Coaches Sylvester Kyles
15 and Darryl Thompson, who have broadened the players' knowledge of
16 the game and refined their skills in execution; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Billups has brought additional honor to Lanier
18 High School by being named the Mississippi High School Coach of
19 the Year in 1993 and 1999, the Metro Coach of the Year in 1992,
20 1993, 1996 and 1999 and the Basketball Coach of the Year in 1997,
21 and he has a career record at Lanier High School of 234 wins and
22 only 40 losses; and

23 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon the
24 players, including: the selection of Antwain Ellis to the
25 All-Tournament Team and the JPS Pepsi Holiday Tournament Team; the
26 naming of Solomon Forbes to the All-Metro Team, the All-District
27 Team and the All-State Team; the selection of Darius Rice to the

28 All-Metro Team, the All-District Team, the All-North State Team
29 and the All-Tournament Team; the naming of James Thomas to the
30 All-Metro Team, the All-District Team, the All-North State Team
31 and the All-Tournament Team and as the MVP of the City Tournament;
32 and the naming of Cornelius Torrence to the All-Tournament Team
33 and the JPS Pepsi Holiday Tournament Team; and

34 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs have developed a winning and
35 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their
36 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual
37 players and their coaches and bring honor to Lanier High School;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
40 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young
41 people of our state, who are its future:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 commend and congratulate the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys
45 Basketball Team, Head Coach Thomas Billups and Assistant Coaches
46 Sylvester Kyles and Darryl Thompson, for their outstanding 1998-99
47 season, for winning the Class 5A State Championship and for
48 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Lanier High School, Head Coach Thomas Billups,
51 Assistant Coaches Sylvester Kyles and Darryl Thompson and members
52 of the Capitol Press Corps.