

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 159  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.