

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MURRAH HIGH
2 SCHOOL "LADY MUSTANGS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH ANNA
3 JACKSON FOR WINNING ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE CLASS 5A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 1998-99 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the Murrah High School "Lady Mustangs" Girls
6 Basketball Team finished its 1998-99 season with 19 straight
7 victories and claimed its second consecutive Class 5A State
8 Championship with a come-from-behind 60-57 win over Tupelo High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, led by the "Dandy Dozen" trio of Kesha Tardy, Ebony
11 Felder and Tamika Rogers, the Lady Mustangs finished the season
12 35-3, atop The Clarion-Ledger poll, and ranked 19th nationally by
13 USA Today, and joined Harrison Central and Warren Central as the
14 only teams to win back-to-back 5A crowns; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to the Class 5A State Tournament, the
16 Lady Mustangs won the Murrah High School Round Robin Tournament,
17 the Jackson Public Schools City Tournament, the Division 5-5A
18 Tournament and the 5A South Regional Tournament, were runner-up in
19 the Jackson Public School Pepsi Holiday Classic and had a 2-2
20 showing in California's prestigious Santa Barbara Tournament of
21 Champions; and

22 WHEREAS, Murrah is ably coached by Anna Jackson, who claimed
23 her third 5A title this decade and has an overall record of
24 399-127, and with assistant coaches Charles Dillon and Marvin
25 Jackson, fine tuned the athletic skills of the players and molded
26 them into a team; and

27 WHEREAS, the following outstanding team members received

28 individual honors for excellent performance: Kesha Tardy
29 (averaged a team-high 17.6 points and 9 rebounds per game, was
30 named All-Metro Player and All-State Player), Ebony Felder
31 (averaged 16.5 points and 9 rebounds per game, was selected
32 All-Metro and All-State Player), Tamika Rogers (averaged 13.9
33 points per game, was selected All-Metro and All-State Player), and
34 other team players include Raven Rogers, LaShundra Speech, Alicia
35 Jenkins, Courtney Cockrell, Crystal Jackson, Felicia Farrar,
36 Sharon Hurley, Olicia King, Tomekia Reed, Christina Buford,
37 LaTonya Johnson, Shaneka Jones, Managers Ayana Hudson, Quentessa
38 Jackson and April Carter and Statistician Richard Howard; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
40 of student athletes who have brought such honor to their school,
41 community and to the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Murrah
44 High School "Lady Mustangs" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Anna
45 Jackson for winning its second consecutive Class 5A State Title
46 and for its outstanding 1998-99 season, and wish them continued
47 success in their athletic, academic and career endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Coach Jackson and Principal Karen Wilson on behalf of the team
50 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.