HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PROVINE HIGH SCHOOL LADY RAMS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2001-2002 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE 4A CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Provine High School Lady Rams Basketball Team finished the 2001-2002 season with a remarkable record of 30 wins and five losses; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rams won several tournament and playoff championships including the District 6, Division IV Class 4A Championship, the North Mississippi Class 4A Championship and the Class 4A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, priding themselves in the team's motto: "Practice with purpose, play with passion," the Lady Rams were able to make history by winning Provine's first girls Overall State Championship and first North State Championship; and

WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play this season, including: the naming of Latosha Christmas, Leslie Christmas and Keisha Carter to the All-State Team; the selection of Latosha Christmas and Leslie Christmas to the All-District Team; the selection of Latosha Christmas to the MS/AL All-Star Game, The Clarion-Ledger's All-Metro and All-State 1st Teams; and the naming of Keisha Carter to The Clarion-Ledger's All-Metro and All-State 2nd Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Provine High School Lady Rams have been superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Barbara Hartzog, Assistant Coach Terri Palmer and Trainer Shannon Singletary, who have
broadened the Rams' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Hartzog has brought additional honor to Provine High School by being named Metro Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rams have developed a winning attitude and cooperative spirit, and their activities and attitude reflect great promise in the lives of Mississippi's youth; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of our state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and congratulate the Provine High School Lady Rams Basketball Team and their coach, Head Coach Barbara Hartzog, for their phenomenal 2001-2002 season, for winning the Class 4A State Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Provine High School, Head Coach Barbara Hartzog, Assistant Coach Terri Palmer, Trainer Shannon Singletary and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.