

By: Representatives Banks, Clarke, Evans,  
Wallace, Coleman (65th), Fleming, Robinson  
(63rd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LANIER HIGH  
2 SCHOOL BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
3 2001-2002 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE 4A CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team  
5 finished the 2001-2002 season with a remarkable record of 34 wins  
6 and five losses; and

7 WHEREAS, the Lanier Bulldogs, ranked No. 5 in The  
8 Clarion-Ledger poll, won their 13th state championship, beating  
9 Picayune with a 77-73 victory at the Mississippi Coliseum before  
10 an estimated 6,000 sports fans; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lanier High School Bulldogs have been superbly  
12 coached and inspired by Head Coach Thomas Billups, who has  
13 broadened the Bulldogs' knowledge of the game and refined their  
14 skills in execution; and

15 WHEREAS, Head Coach Billups has established his credibility  
16 as an outstanding coach by winning his fifth championship in only  
17 11 seasons; and

18 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs have developed a winning attitude and  
19 cooperative spirit, and their activities and attitude reflect  
20 great honor upon Lanier High School; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and  
27 congratulate the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team



28 and Head Coach Thomas Billups for their phenomenal 2001-2002  
29 season, for winning the Class 4A State Championship and for  
30 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
32 furnished to Lanier High School, Head Coach Thomas Billups and to  
33 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

