A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE STRIDER ACADEMY LADY RAMS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 2002-2003 SEASON AND FOR WINNING SECOND PLACE IN THE MISSISSIPPI PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S OVERALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

WHEREAS, the Strider Academy Lady Rams finished the 2002-2003 season with an exceptional record of 35-4 and captured second place in the Mississippi Private School Association's Overall Basketball Tournament finishing the year ranked No. 2 by The Clarion Ledger; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Rams were superbly coached and inspired by Coach Joe Bradshaw, who has broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bradshaw has brought additional honor to himself and to Strider Academy by being selected the 2002 District 2A Coach of the Year and being chosen to coach the Girls North All-Star team; and

WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play this season, including the selection of Krystal James, Natalie Ellington and Martha Cook to the Overall All-Tournament team, the naming of Krystal James and Natalie Ellington to the North All-Star team and Natalie Ellington's record shattering 95 points in four games; and

WHEREAS, the Strider Lady Rams have developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and their coach and bring great honor to Strider Academy; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young people of our state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Strider Academy Lady Rams Basketball Team and Coach Joe Bradshaw for their outstanding 2002-2003 season, winning second place in the Mississippi Private School Association's Overall Basketball Tournament and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Strider Academy and Coach Joe Bradshaw.