HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
PROVINE HIGH SCHOOL RAMS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING
2002-2003 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A STATE BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Provine High School Rams Boys Basketball Team
finished the 2002-2003 season with an outstanding record of 26-5
and captured the Class 4A State Championship in a thrilling
victory over Lanier High School, which resulted in their being
ranked Number 1 in The Clarion-Ledger poll; and

WHEREAS, along the way to their state championship, the Rams
won the Class 4A District Championship and were runners-up in the
Class 4A North State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Rams were marvelously coached and inspired by
Head Coach Luther Riley and Assistant Coaches Randy Bolden and
Spencer Gatlin, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the
game and cultivated their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, Coach Riley has brought additional honor to himself
and to Provine High School by being selected as Coach of the Week
and Metro Jackson's Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, several of the Rams have been recognized for their
hard work, dedication and superior play this season, including the
selection of Jeff Webb, Charlie White, and Jeremy Young to the
All-State, All-District, and All-North State Teams; and

WHEREAS, many other individual honors have been bestowed
upon various team members, such as the selection of Jeff Webb as a
player in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game, as a McDonald's
All-American nominee, and as a member of the Jackson Public School
Pepsi All-Tournament Team, and the naming of Charlie White as
WHEREAS, the Provine High School Rams Boys Basketball Team, which consists of Charlie White, Derrick Thomas, Jarvis Williams, DeAngelo Edwards, Earnesto Green, Derrick Smith, Ladario Ward, Robert Hough, John Parker, Jeffery Webb, Jr., Jeremy Young, Willicent Seymour, Allen Blackmon, and William Jones, 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 coaches and bring great honor to Provine High School; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the remarkable sportsmanship of 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 Provine High School Rams Boys Basketball Team and Coach Luther Riley for their outstanding 2002-2003 season, for winning the Class 4A State Basketball 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, Coach Luther Riley, his assistant coaches and members of the Capitol Press Corps.