

By: Senator(s) Walls, Simmons, Harden,
Jordan, Jackson, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BROAD STREET
2 HIGH SCHOOL "LADY JAGUARS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND LONGTIME
3 COACH WILLIE WASHINGTON FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER CLASS 2A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the long quest for the coveted "Gold Ball" trophy
6 finally came to a successful close for the Broad Street High
7 School, Shelby, Mississippi, "Lady Jaguars" Basketball Team on
8 Saturday, March 8, 2003, before a raucous crowd of 3,000 at the
9 Mississippi Coliseum, when they won their first-ever Class 2A
10 Girls State Championship with a decisive 70-49 victory over
11 Coldwater High School; and

12 WHEREAS, the success of the Broad Street Lady Jags did not go
13 unnoticed in the state; the team finished the year by ranking
14 eighth in the state in the girls poll, after posting an impressive
15 34-4 record; and

16 WHEREAS, with Ray Brooks winning the 1A title, it was the
17 first time ever that Bolivar County had two state champion
18 basketball teams in the same year; and

19 WHEREAS, "This is a dream come true" said longtime Lady Jags
20 Head Coach Willie Washington, who has spent 13 of his 34 years at
21 Broad Street coaching the girl's basketball team, and who
22 expressed his thanks to the community for supporting championship
23 basketball in the Delta; Coach Washington is a graduate of
24 Mississippi Valley State University and has coached football,
25 basketball and track at Broad Street since December 1968; Coach
26 Washington taught this team that offense wins ballgames but
27 defense wins championships; and



28 WHEREAS, 2002-2003 was a landmark season because the Lady
29 Jaguars had to travel and play their home games at Coahoma
30 Community College in Clarksdale because of renovations to their
31 gym; they finished with a perfect record inside their Division
32 3-2A, put together a 24-game consecutive winning streak at one
33 point in the season, and won the 2A North Half Regional Title
34 before advancing to the State Championship Tournament; and

35 WHEREAS, the roster of the 2002-2003 Lady Jaguars is as
36 follows: Stephanie Bell, Kenyatta Brown, Treeuanna Butler,
37 Courtney Gooden, Chiquita Grady, Sherikee Grim, Metoya Holmes,
38 Nekilah Howard, Ursula Johns, Jerrica Moore, Victoria Sigle,
39 Ashley Smith, Lashundreya Townsend, Sophia Townsend, Leanna
40 Tucker, Renika Williams, Tacillya Wright, Jalessa Young and
41 Stephanie Young (Scorekeeper); Willie Washington, Head Basketball
42 Coach, Nora Davis and Karsha Peterson, Assistant Coaches; and

43 WHEREAS, this basketball season proved that the Lady Jaguars
44 are for real, and it is with great pride that we recognize the
45 special accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have
46 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
47 Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Broad
50 Street High School, Shelby, Mississippi, "Lady Jaguars" Girls
51 Basketball Team and Head Coach Willie Washington for winning their
52 first-ever Class 2A State Championship and for their excellent
53 2002-2003 season, and wish them success in their future athletic
54 and academic endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 the Lady Jaguars, Coach Washington, Principal Walter Robey, Sr.,
57 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

