

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

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

4 WHEREAS, the Provine High School "Rams" Boys Basketball Team  
5 finished the 2002-2003 season with an outstanding record of 26-5  
6 and captured the Class 4A State Championship in a thrilling  
7 victory over Lanier High School, which resulted in their being  
8 ranked No. 1 in *The Clarion-Ledger* poll; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, many other individual honors have been bestowed  
24 upon various team members, such as the selection of Jeff Webb as a  
25 player in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game, as a McDonald's  
26 All-American nominee, and as a member of the Jackson Public  
27 School/Pepsi All-Tournament Team, and the naming of Charlie White



28 as Player of the Year, as Most Valuable Player in the District and  
29 as a member of the Jackson Public School/Pepsi All-Tournament  
30 Team; and

31 WHEREAS, the Provine High School Rams Boys Basketball Team,  
32 which consists of Charlie White, Derrick Thomas, Jarvis Williams,  
33 DeAngelo Edwards, Earnesto Green, Derrick Smith, Ladario Ward,  
34 Robert Hough, John Parker, Jeffery Webb, Jr., Jeremy Young,  
35 Willicent Seymour, Allen Blackmon and William Jones, have  
36 developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of  
37 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great  
38 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring  
39 great honor to Provine High School; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the special  
41 accomplishment of this group of student athletes who have brought  
42 honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
43 Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and congratulate the Provine High  
46 School Rams Boys Basketball Team and Coach Luther Riley for their  
47 outstanding 2002-2003 season, for winning the Class 4A State  
48 Basketball Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to  
49 their athletic endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Provine High School, Coach Luther Riley, his  
52 assistant coaches, and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

