

By: Representatives Staples, Shows,
Stringer, Eaton, Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHEAST
2 JONES HIGH SCHOOL LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING
3 2003-2004 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Northeast Jones High School Lady Tigers
5 Basketball Team finished the 2003-2004 season with a notable
6 record of 32 wins and three losses and were victorious as Class 4A
7 State Champions; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Lady Tigers
9 participated in several tournaments and placed first in the West
10 Jones Classic Tournament, the Petal Tournament and the Northeast
11 Jones Classic Tournament, and were the runners-up in the South
12 State Tournament and the Class 4A District 5 Tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers were superbly coached and inspired
14 by Coach Vicki Rutland, who has broadened the players' knowledge
15 of the game and refined their skills and execution; and

16 WHEREAS, along with Coach Rutland's excellent coaching, the
17 Tigers were also aided by Assistant Coach Sherri Buxton; Managers
18 Candace Heidelberg, Daphne Jackson and Amber Pulliam; Statistician
19 Clarence Mason; and Film and Public Announcer Robert Benoit; and

20 WHEREAS, the following young ladies have demonstrated
21 superior play this season and are members of the Lady Tigers:
22 Alicia Abney, Santana Barnes, Kristin Blackledge, Sheree Hales,
23 Taphne Jackson, Ebonie Jefferson, Hope Jones, Kim Lewis, Santana
24 McGruder, Jessica McKenzie, Deanna McMillan, Stevie Pugh, Nikki
25 Simmons and Consuela Tucker; and

26 WHEREAS, the Northeast Jones High School Lady Tigers have
27 developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of

28 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great
29 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring
30 great honor to Northeast Jones High School; and

31 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers not only demonstrate excellence and
32 dedication in the game of basketball, but also in their studies,
33 as evidenced by a team grade point average of 96; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
35 recognize and commend excellence, especially when displayed by
36 young people of our state, who are its future:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
39 congratulate the Northeast Jones High School Lady Tigers
40 Basketball Team and Coach Vicki Rutland for their outstanding
41 2003-2004 season, for winning the state championship and for
42 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Northeast Jones High School, Coach Vicki Rutland,
45 Assistant Coach Sherri Buxton and members of the Capitol Press
46 Corps.