

By: Representatives Buck, Gadd, Woods

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE H.W. BYERS
2 ATTENDANCE CENTER LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING
3 2003-2004 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the H.W. Byers Attendance Center Lions Basketball
5 Team finished the 2003-2004 season with a remarkable record of 28
6 wins and 9 losses; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout the regular season and playoffs, the
8 Lions fought and defeated many well-contended teams, and finished
9 their season as state runner-up for the Mississippi High School
10 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, in tournament play for the 2003-2004 season, the
12 Lions had first finishes in the H.W. Byers Tournament, Region 2
13 Division 1, Division 1 North Half and the team was state runner-up
14 in Division 1; and

15 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
16 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and
17 superior play and their hard work this season, including the
18 naming of Courtney Briggs, Johnny Shaw and Jeremy Hull to the
19 All-District Team, the selection of Jeremy Hull, Santez Bogard,
20 Courtney Briggs and Mario Donnell to the All-State Team and
21 successful academic recognition of senior starters Santez Bogard,
22 Courtney Briggs and Kendrae Hale, who all have honor graduate
23 status with an GPA of 90 or above; and

24 WHEREAS, the H.W. Byers Lions have been superbly coached and
25 inspired by Head Coach Gerone Kirkland, who has broadened the
26 Lions' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
27 execution; and

28 WHEREAS, the Lions have been supported in their athletic
29 endeavors and can attribute much of their success to the many
30 parents, fans and supporters whose moral and spiritual
31 encouragement have remained fervent throughout the season; and

32 WHEREAS, the Lions have developed a winning and cooperative
33 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
34 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
35 their coaches and bring honor to H.W. Byers Attendance Center; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the
38 youth of our state, who are its future:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend and congratulate the H.W. Byers Attendance Center Lions
42 Basketball Team and Head Coach Gerone Kirkland for their
43 phenomenal 2003-2004 season, for an outstanding season and for
44 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to H.W. Byers Attendance Center Lions Basketball Team,
47 Head Coach Gerone Kirkland and to the members of the Capitol Press
48 Corps.