

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.