

By: Representative Clarke

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 JACKSON PANTHERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND  
3 WINNING THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION 2004 DIVISION II NATIONAL  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Panthers Boys Basketball Team, formerly  
6 the Jackson Dream Team, formed by Coach LeMond Roy, finished the  
7 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) 2004 season with a remarkable record  
8 of 25 wins and only 6 losses; and

9 WHEREAS, the Panthers won the 15U/9th grade AAU Boys 2004  
10 Division II National Championship by defeating the Maryland  
11 Panthers with a score of 57-43; and

12 WHEREAS, showcasing immense talent, the Panthers have brought  
13 great honor and pride to the City of Jackson and the State of  
14 Mississippi by securing this national title; and

15 WHEREAS, having their humble beginnings in the Lanier High  
16 School gymnasium in April 2004, the Panthers embarked upon their  
17 quest to lay claim to the national title and bring it back home to  
18 Jackson, Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, having participated in several local and state  
20 tournaments and competitions, the Panthers faced many well  
21 contended teams, equally yoked in skill, execution and  
22 determination, such as the Clinton Wolf Pack, the Jackson Tigers  
23 and the Memphis Elite among others, to invigorate and renew their  
24 determination to acquire national recognition; and

25 WHEREAS, having adopted "Stay Focused" as the team's motto,  
26 the Panthers set out on July 10, 2004, destination New Orleans,  
27 Louisiana, to accomplish their goal through a week-long series of  
28 tournaments, often playing two games per day; and

29           WHEREAS, on July 17, 2004, the final day of tournament play,  
30 the Jackson Panthers found themselves paired off with the Maryland  
31 Panthers in a battle for the national title in a 32-minute game of  
32 hard fought basketball, which ultimately proved victorious for the  
33 Jackson Panthers; and

34           WHEREAS, the members of the 2004 Jackson Panthers Team  
35 include: Nicholas Walker, Joshua Moore, Terrance Bailey, Ryan  
36 White, Biko Paris, Justin Davis, DeMorris Summers, Randall White,  
37 Alex "Scottie" Haralson, Mitchell Hampton, Daryl Arnold, Tommie  
38 "Red" Mabry, James Burkes, Cedric Hall, Brittany Bailey (manager)  
39 and Chokwe Lumumba (general manager); and

40           WHEREAS, the Panthers have been superbly coached and inspired  
41 this season by Head Coach LeMond Roy, who has broadened the  
42 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
43 execution; and

44           WHEREAS, the Panthers have developed a winning and  
45 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their  
46 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual  
47 players, managers and their coach and bring great honor to the  
48 City of Jackson and the State of Mississippi; and

49           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi Legislature to  
50 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
51 youth of our state who are its future:

52           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
54 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Jackson  
55 Panthers AAU 15U/9th grade Boys Basketball Team, their managers  
56 and their coach for an outstanding 2004 season, for winning the  
57 AAU 2004 Division II National Championship and for displaying  
58 tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Coach LeMond Roy and to the members of the Capitol  
61 Press Corps.