

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.