

By: Representatives Clark, Smith (27th),  
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To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE YAZOO COUNTY  
2 HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH ARCHIE CARLYLE  
3 FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A MHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 11, 2006, the Yazoo County High  
5 School Panthers Boys Basketball Team beat Holly Springs 24-22 in a  
6 classic "stall-ball" game to win the Mississippi Class 3A  
7 Mississippi High School Activities Association State Championship  
8 at the Coliseum in Jackson, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Archie Carlyle heard the frequent boos from  
10 about 3,000 fans or half of the crowd during the Class 3A Boys  
11 State Tournament Championship game. The fifth-year Yazoo County  
12 coach did not care because he stamped his name in the record book  
13 and denied heavily favored Holly Springs some history of its own  
14 with an expected but still stunning stall-ball performance for the  
15 ages; and

16 WHEREAS, Andre Southern's break-away lay-up with nine seconds  
17 remaining lifted Yazoo County to a 24-22 overtime victory as the  
18 Panthers dethroned two-time defending 3A State Champion Holly  
19 Springs before an estimated crowd of 6,000 at the Mississippi  
20 Coliseum. Southern, a 5-foot-8 senior point guard, scored 15  
21 points as unranked Yazoo County (30-8) claimed its first state  
22 title and prevented Holly Springs (34-2) from becoming the first  
23 MHSAA boys team to three-peat since Durant did in Class 1A from  
24 1993-1995; and

25 WHEREAS, nobody who knows Coach Carlyle was surprised by  
26 Saturday's unconventional strategy (his team held the ball when  
27 Benton topped Ashland 34-29 for the 2A State Crown in 1985). The

28 46 points are the fewest in a Boys State Championship since the  
29 MHSAA went to five classes in 1984-1985; and

30 WHEREAS, both coaches, former Tougaloo teammates, are two men  
31 who knew all those years ago what they wanted to do in life.

32 Carlyle came to Tougaloo from the Arkansas Delta Town of Dermott  
33 and has won more than 900 games and five State Championships at  
34 several different Mississippi high schools; and

35 WHEREAS, the Panthers finished the championship season with  
36 an outstanding record of 30-8 and won their Conference and  
37 Division Tournament on the way to the State Championship; and

38 WHEREAS, the team roster is as follows: Andre Southern (12,  
39 PG), Cody Mills (9, PG), Milton Gilbert (12, G/F), Jeffery  
40 Winstead (11, G), Fredrick Jones (11, F), Courtney Reed (12, G),  
41 Enrecez Cowans (10, F), Kerrence Hudson (10, F), Jonathan Ratliff  
42 (10, F), Desmond Luckett (12, F/C), Darryl Jones (12, F/C),  
43 Donarick Walker (10, C/F), Reginald Gilbert (11, C), Assistant  
44 Coach Michael Tardy, Scorekeeper Khorsculyar Williams, Managers  
45 Joshua Anderson, Larry Jones, Jeremy Ingram and Adrian Reed; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special  
47 accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have brought  
48 honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
49 Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
52 commend and congratulate the Yazoo County High School Panthers  
53 Boys Basketball Team and Coach Archie Carlyle for winning the  
54 Class 3A MHSAA State Championship and extend to them the best  
55 wishes of the Legislature for their future athletic and academic  
56 successes.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to Yazoo County High School, Coach Carlyle and to the  
59 members of the Capitol Press Corps.