

By: Representative Ellis

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OKTIBBEHA  
2 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LADY TITANS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE  
3 CLASS 1A MHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Oktibbeha County High School Lady Titans  
5 Basketball Team recently won the Mississippi Class 1A Mississippi  
6 High School Activities Association State Championship at the  
7 Coliseum in Jackson, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, finishing the season with an impressive 29-5 record,  
9 the Lady Titans not only lay claim to the state title, but also  
10 brought great honor and pride to themselves, fellow students and  
11 parents of Oktibbeha County High School; and

12 WHEREAS, in pursuit of the gold during the entire season, the  
13 Lady Titans worked collectively as an offensive and defensive unit  
14 to bring home the coveted title; and

15 WHEREAS, members of the Lady Titans Team are: Joslyn  
16 Gillespie, Alexius Selvie, Shondra Nichols, Kyani Davis, Ashley  
17 Clark, April Sykes, Marchanda Scott, Cassandra Bradford, Tiffanie  
18 Jefferson, Kelcie Lanier, Alisa Gunn, Timeshia Hunter, Angelica  
19 Vaughn (manager), Jessica Thomas (manager), Gracie Robinson  
20 (manager) and Lola P. Jenkins (statistician); and

21 WHEREAS, the Lady Titans have been superbly coached and  
22 inspired by Head Coach Cynthia M. Davenport and Assistant Coach  
23 Shamara A. Brown, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the  
24 game and refined their skills in execution; and

25 WHEREAS, several players have been recognized for their hard  
26 work, dedication and superior play this season, including the  
27 naming of Alexius Selvie to the All-State Team, All-District Team

28 and as best defensive player; the selection of Cassandra Bradford  
29 as team captain, to the All-State Team, All-District Team and  
30 recipient of the Hustler Award; and the naming of April Sykes as  
31 team captain, District 4, Region 4, most valuable player,  
32 All-State Team, *Clarion-Ledger* Dandy Dozen, Gatorade Mississippi  
33 Player of the Year nominee, Parade All-American nominee, ranked  
34 No. 2 guard in the nation by Scout.com; State Championship Game  
35 most valuable player, the leading scorer and rebounder, averaging  
36 29 points and 10 rebounds per game; and

37 WHEREAS, the Oktibbeha County High School Lady Titans have  
38 developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of  
39 sportsmanship and their activities and attitude reflect great  
40 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring  
41 great honor to Oktibbeha County High School; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
43 recognize the special accomplishments of this group of student  
44 athletes who have brought honor to their school, their community  
45 and to the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
48 commend and congratulate the Oktibbeha County High School Lady  
49 Titans Basketball Team for winning the Class 1A MHSAA State  
50 Championship and extend warmest wishes for continued success in  
51 all of their future athletic and academic endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Oktibbeha County High School, Head Coach Cynthia M.  
54 Davenport, Assistant Coach Shamara A. Brown and to the members of  
55 the Capitol Press Corps.