

By: Representative Mangold

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 LAWRENCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LADY COUGARS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH VICKI RUTLAND FOR WINNING LAWRENCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL'S
4 FIRST MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS
5 4A GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Lawrence County High School Lady Cougars
7 Basketball Team finished the 2017-2018 season with their first
8 state title in the school's history; and

9 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1987, Lawrence County High
10 School had only dreamed of a state title for its Lady Cougars
11 Basketball Team; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars' overall statistics were
13 meritorious as they finished with an overall record of 32-3 and
14 were undefeated in district play at 12-0, winning the Region 7-4A
15 Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, on this fateful night on March 8, 2018, the Lady
17 Cougars outplayed, outlasted and ultimately overpowered Byhalia
18 High School in what many have described as a "tight 4A
19 championship game"; and



20 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars took control of the "tight 4A
21 championship game" late in the fourth quarter and with full hearts
22 and clear eyes, the team overcame their opponents and claimed
23 their historic title with a 38-34 win; and

24 WHEREAS, in the fourth quarter when success seemed far away,
25 the leadership and inspirational drive of Head Coach Vicki Rutland
26 ignited the team's drive and determination for the win instructing
27 them to "Just do your job. If you go out there and play your game,
28 you'll get it."; and

29 WHEREAS, in a hard-played game, defense was the key
30 adjustment for the Lady Cougars success, senior player Camryn
31 Davis scored a game-high 15 points and finished with six rebounds
32 and four steals, and junior player Kyunna Thomas added 12 points
33 with seven rebounds and led the team with four assists; and

34 WHEREAS, the 2018 impressive team roster is comprised of the
35 following: Michellee Johnson, Tyranesha Davis, Faith Lewis,
36 Bailey Baylis, Jakya Dampier, Jakiara Buckner, Camryn Davis, Tyuna
37 Slay, Casey Lewis, Kyunna Thomas, Tieshia McCallum, Khilah Jones
38 and Neziah Smith; and

39 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars have been superbly coached and
40 inspired by Head Coach Vicki Rutland, who has broadened the Lady
41 Cougars' knowledge of the game, refined their skills in execution
42 and provided stellar mentorship on and off the court, and
43 Assistant Coach Jesse Anderson also played a vital role in
44 grooming the players for success; and



45 WHEREAS, Head Coach Vicki Rutland and Assistant Coach Jesse
46 Anderson received tremendous support from athletic trainer
47 LeKyndra Smith, volunteer coach Scott Johnson, score keeper
48 Laticia Collins, managers Adrianna Madison (Head), Alexis Roberson
49 and Tashyra Stanfield, clock operator Milan Nelson, videographer
50 Danesha Haynes and statistician Joe Lee Rutland; and

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
52 and commend the superb athletic accomplishments of Mississippi
53 student athletes, especially those such as the Lawrence County
54 High School Lady Cougars Basketball Team, whose excellence on the
55 basketball court brings great honor to their school, the community
56 and our state:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Lawrence
60 County High School Lady Cougars Basketball Team and Head Coach
61 Vicki Rutland for winning Lawrence County High School's first
62 MHSAA Class 4A Girls State Basketball Championship.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Lawrence County High School, Head Coach Vicki Rutland
65 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

