

By: Representative Bounds

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2018 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA)
3 CHOCTAW CENTRAL LADY WARRIORS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THEIR
4 SEVENTH CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND BEING BACK-TO-BACK
5 CHAMPIONS.

6 WHEREAS, the Choctaw Central Lady Warriors Basketball Team
7 clenched their seventh state championship title when they defeated
8 Independence with an 89-56 win during the finals of the Class 3A
9 Girls State tournament sponsored by the Mississippi High School
10 Activities Association; and

11 WHEREAS, state championship wins are familiar to the Lady
12 Warriors who have now won in years 1996, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005,
13 2017 and 2018, earning them the "back-to-back champions" label as
14 two of the seven wins occurred in years 2017 and 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, their play in the semifinals was very impressive
16 with the Lady Warriors defeating Jefferson Davis County in a 70-35
17 win, propelling the team to the finals for the third year in a
18 row; and



19 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors finished their 2017-2018 season
20 with an outstanding 35-1 record, and the highest number of points
21 earned during a state championship; and

22 WHEREAS, passionately led by Coach Bill Smith, who stated
23 "This was the right time to be playing our best basketball... We
24 saw Independence come from being 12 points down in the semifinals
25 to winning. We knew they had a good team. We focused on playing
26 our game and took care of what we do."; and

27 WHEREAS, playing with full hearts, unimaginable fortitude and
28 grit, the Lady Warriors shot 53 percent from the floor, hitting 35
29 out of 66 shots, they also connected on 11 three-point shots, and
30 8 out of 10 shots from the free throw line; and

31 WHEREAS, the game against Independence was hard fought, as
32 the Lady Wildcats went up 6-0 in the first 40 seconds of play, but
33 as they bounced back with a pair of goals to make the score 6-5,
34 and at the break, Choctaw Central led 31-18, Choctaw Central
35 continued to build up its lead overtaking their opponents in the
36 end; and

37 WHEREAS, Kyarra Grant led the Lady Warriors with 20 points
38 while Darien Tubby scored 17, Lachrisha Williams scored 15,
39 Kyannah Grant put in 13 and Kadre Denson scored 10 points; and

40 WHEREAS, Kyarra and Kyannah Grant are twins on the team who
41 have now earned the honor of being chosen to play in the
42 Mississippi-Alabama all-star game; and



43 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors have been superbly coached and
44 mentored by Head Coach Bill Smith, who has broadened the team's
45 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution, and
46 mentored by Assistant Coach Elyse Etheridge; and

47 WHEREAS, they have been faithfully supported by team managers
48 Shemah and Laliana Crosby, videographer Trent Hundley and
49 statistician Renate Ben; and

50 WHEREAS, the fans of the Lady Warriors passionately support
51 the team by following them to away games and cheering them on; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2018 Choctaw Central Lady Warriors Championship
53 Basketball roster is comprised of Jaida Bell, Tia'Rain Saunders,
54 Jennavia "JB" Bollin, Kaedre Denson, Wynter Dixon, Lacaniya
55 Anderson, Maleighia Joe, Darien Tubby, Meloney Thames, Lachrisha
56 Williams, Taelor York, Melanian Jimmie, Jordan Bell, Kyarra Grant
57 and Kyannah Grant; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
59 and commend the superb athletic accomplishments of Mississippi
60 student-athletes, especially those such as the Choctaw Central
61 Lady Warriors Basketball Team, whose athletic excellence on the
62 court bring great honor to their school, community and to the
63 State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
66 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Choctaw
67 Central Lady Warriors Basketball Team on winning their seventh



68 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship and being "back-to-back"
69 champions.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to Head Coach Bill Smith and to the members of the
72 Capitol Press Corps.

