

By: Representatives Dortch, Dixon, Holloway, To: Rules
Clarke, Rushing, Baker, Turner

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE RAYMOND HIGH
2 SCHOOL RANGERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2018
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE
4 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers Boys Basketball Team
6 reign supreme after finishing the 2017-2018 season with an
7 impressive record of 29 wins and 6 losses, and capturing the 2018
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A
9 State Basketball Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, this was truly a dream season, as the unparalleled
11 determination and year-round hard work helped catapult the Rangers
12 to the number one spot in Class 4A, to a top 10 finish in
13 Mississippi, and to successfully finish the season with the
14 state's longest winning streak at 20 wins in a row; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout the state tournament games at the
16 Mississippi Coliseum, the Rangers played with clear eyes, full
17 hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength, and in each game,
18 their mental stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the
19 moment they first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer



buzzed, as they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered
Noxubee County 81-57 in the quarterfinal game, Gentry 75-57 in the
semifinal game, and Corinth 64-52 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Rangers
relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic
defensive moves to stop the Corinth offense and outmaneuver their
defense, which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted "Gold
Ball" Trophy back to Raymond High School; and

WHEREAS, the Rangers kept their focus and played one of their
best games of the season during the championship matchup, and
several key players were rewarded for their efforts, including,
Shardarrion Allen, who was named the Class 4A MVP for the second
year in a row and to the All-State Tournament Team; Jiris
Killingsworth, who was named the C-Spire Scholar Athlete of the
Class 4A State Tournament, and Cameron Woodall and Jakorie Smith,
who were named to the All-State Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Raymond High School Rangers
Basketball Team were undefeated in their district 10-0 and were
the District Tournament Champions, Shardarrion Allen was named as
the All-District MVP, and the All-District Team included Raymond
stars Shardarrion Allen, Jakorie Smith, Jekeivious Williams, Jiris
Killingsworth and Cameron Woodall; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 MHSAA Class 4A Boys Basketball State
Championship Team is comprised of the following talented athletes:
Shardarrion Allen, Demarius Daniels, Jared Keyes, Jiris



45 Killingsworth, Jekeivious Williams, Cameron Woodall, Kenjuan
46 Davis, Wytavious McPherson, Jacob Robinson, Jakorie Smith,
47 Tradavis Thompson, Alvin Brown, Martavian McWilliams and Keauris
48 Stimage; and

49 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers Basketball Team has
50 been superbly coached and inspired by District Coach of the Year,
51 Head Coach Tony Tadlock, who has broadened the players' knowledge
52 of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

53 WHEREAS, the championship season would not have been possible
54 without the help of Assistant Coach Kendall Taylor, who helped
55 each player realize his fullest potential both on and off the
56 court; and

57 WHEREAS, Coaches Tadlock and Taylor continue to build upon
58 the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the
59 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced
60 in their ability to produce high caliber players and plays and by
61 the team's successful season; and

62 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
63 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
64 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
65 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
66 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season,
67 throughout their lives as they are constantly flooded with the
68 feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and



69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
70 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
71 Raymond High School Rangers Boys Basketball Team, and it is with
72 great pride that we congratulate this elite group of student
73 athletes, Head Coach Tony Tadlock and Assistant Coach Kendall
74 Taylor, who have brought honor to their school, their community
75 and to their state:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
78 commend and congratulate the 2017-2018 Raymond High School Rangers
79 Boys Basketball Team upon winning the 2018 Mississippi High School
80 Activities Association Class 4A State Basketball Championship, and
81 extend best wishes to the team and coaches for continued success
82 in all of their future endeavors.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
84 furnished to Raymond High School, Head Coach Tony Tadlock and to
85 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

