

By: Representatives Paden, Hines

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2017-2018
2 COAHOMA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL RED PANTHERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON
3 WINNING THE 2018 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
4 CLASS 2A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A
5 ROW.

6 WHEREAS, the Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys
7 Basketball Team reign supreme after capturing the 2018 Mississippi
8 High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 2A State
9 Basketball Championship at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson,
10 Mississippi, on March 9, 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, this was truly a dream season, as the unparalleled
12 determination and year-round hard work helped catapult the Red
13 Panthers to an impressive record of 29 wins and only 4 losses and
14 their second state championship title in as many years; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout the state championship, the Red Panthers
16 played with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of
17 strength, and their mental stamina and athletic prowess never
18 wavered from the moment they first hustled onto the court until



19 the final buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted, outplayed and
20 ultimately overpowered the Bay Springs Bulldogs 62-46; and

21 WHEREAS, from the outset of the game, it was clear that the
22 Red Panthers were in charge of their own destiny, as they never
23 trailed throughout all four quarters and retired to halftime with
24 a 31-13 lead, and while the Bay Springs Bulldogs tried to muster a
25 challenge, they could not hang with the Red Panthers, which
26 ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted "Gold Ball" Trophy
27 back to Coahoma County High School for the second year in a row;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, during the championship game, Jay'Sheldon Yates had
30 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Bentavious Galmore had 10 points,
31 six rebounds, four assists and four steals; and

32 WHEREAS, throughout their season of play, the team statistics
33 were impressive, and there were outstanding free throws, field
34 goals, rebounds and assists by individual players, but the key to
35 this team's consistent success has been the constant team
36 atmosphere and year-round hard work; and

37 WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State
38 Championship Team is comprised of only talented athletes,
39 including Markevius Phillips, Bentavious Galmore, Markevius
40 Holmes, Jeffrey Fisher, Melvin Jenkins, Tykeevius Taylor, Derrick
41 Moore, Marquise Percy, Jay'Sheldon Yates, Calving Harrell,
42 Tarkevius Logan, Jermaine Fry, Keyshawn Thomas, Tajah Williams,
43 Timothy Sacks, Dewayne Rucker, Maurice Smith, Clintavius Davis,



44 Andre Tyler, Chrishun Banks, Christian Banks, Kendrick McCray,
45 Martin Williams, Christopher Abby, Isaiah Murrell, and Jaden
46 McCool; and

47 WHEREAS, the Coahoma County High School Red Panthers
48 Basketball Team has been superbly coached and inspired by Head
49 Coach Derrick Moore and Assistant Coaches Daryl Moore, Timothy
50 Williams and Johnetta Robinson, who have each broadened the
51 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
52 execution; and

53 WHEREAS, the trainers and support staff, Kontavious Drake,
54 Richard Cole, Marquise Moton and Antwonario Bryant, have ensured
55 that each player was in excellent shape and that the needs of each
56 player and coach were met with efficiency and effectiveness; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
58 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
59 Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team, and
60 it is with great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
61 student athletes, Head Coach Derrick Moore, and each assistant
62 coach, trainer and support staff member, who have brought honor to
63 their school, their community and to their state:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
66 commend and congratulate the 2017-2018 Coahoma County High School
67 Red Panthers Boys Basketball Team upon winning the 2018
68 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 2A State



69 Basketball Championship for the second year in a row, and extend
70 best wishes to the team and coaches for continued success in all
71 of their future endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Coahoma County High School, Head Coach Derrick Moore
74 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

