

By: Representatives Mangold, Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BROOKHAVEN  
2 ACADEMY LADY COUGARS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2018  
3 MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLASS AA STATE  
4 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team  
6 reign supreme after finishing the 2017-2018 season with an  
7 impressive record of 31 wins and 7 losses, and capturing the 2018  
8 Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Class AA  
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 Lady  
12 Cougars to the number one spot in Class AA, and throughout the  
13 state district and tournament with a 10-0 record, the Lady Cougars  
14 played with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of  
15 strength, and in each game, their mental stamina and athletic  
16 prowess never wavered from the moment they first hustled onto the  
17 court until the final buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted, outplayed  
18 and ultimately overpowered Marshall Academy Patriots 51-40 in the  
19 championship game; and



20 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Lady Cougars  
21 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic  
22 defensive moves to stop the Patriots offense and outmaneuver their  
23 defense, which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted "Gold  
24 Ball" Trophy back to Brookhaven Academy after winning its last  
25 championship in 2005; and

26 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars kept their focus and played one of  
27 their best games of the season during the championship matchup,  
28 and the 2017-2018 MAIS Class AA Girls Basketball State  
29 Championship Team is comprised of the following talented athletes:  
30 Abeni Fuller, Madi Smith, Makayla Martin, Julianna Crosby, Madison  
31 Moak, Macy Grace Smith, Olivia Lewis, Kailyn Jordan, Summer Hill,  
32 Emily Claire Felder, Lucie LeBlanc, Cassie White, Anne Brantley  
33 Warren, Maggie Sanford, Jana Case, Natalie Rials, Whitney Watts,  
34 MaKenzie Brown and Cameron Watson; and trainers, Cameron Emory and  
35 Izzie Nelson; and

36 WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team  
37 has been exceptionally coached and tremendously inspired by Head  
38 Coach Jason Case, who has broadened the team's knowledge of the  
39 game and refined their skills in execution, and he continues to  
40 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship  
41 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,  
42 as evidenced in his ability to produce high caliber players and  
43 plays and by the team's successful season; and



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

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
52 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the  
53 Brookhaven Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team, and it is with  
54 great pride that we congratulate this elite group of student  
55 athletes and Head Coach Jason Case, who have brought honor to  
56 their school, their community and to their state:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
59 commend and congratulate the 2017-2018 Brookhaven Academy Lady  
60 Cougars Basketball Team upon winning the 2018 Mississippi  
61 Association of Independent Schools Class AA State Basketball  
62 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coach for  
63 continued success in all of their future athletic and academic  
64 endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
66 furnished to Head Coach Jason Case, the headmaster of Brookhaven  
67 Academy and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

