

By: Senator(s) Michel, Harkins, Jackson
(32nd), Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 621

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY "PATRIOTS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH RICHARD DUEASE FOR EARNING THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MAIS
4 OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Madison-Ridgeland Academy (MRA) has been the
6 dominant force when it comes to MAIS boys' basketball, and in the
7 MAIS Overall Championship Game at Mississippi College on March 3,
8 2018, the Patriots added to their legacy by defeating Jackson
9 Academy (JA) 61-52 to score a third straight title; and

10 WHEREAS, with legendary Coach Richard Duease (the all-time
11 winningest Coach in Mississippi boys' basketball history) at the
12 helm, the Patriots have been at the top of their game for more
13 than a decade as they now have 12 Overall Titles in school
14 history, with 10 of those Championships coming in the past 14
15 years. "It is all about my coaches and players," said Coach
16 Duease. "They want to play hard. They are used to winning and
17 they do not want to lose, and that makes a big difference"; and

18 WHEREAS, in a hotly contested first quarter, both MRA (34-5)
19 and JA (20-13) went on scoring streaks, with MRA ending the



20 quarter up 16-15. Although MRA had the lead, it was JA that
21 created the electricity as the quarter ended. Raider TJ Smith
22 launched a half-court shot just as the buzzer sounded, sending the
23 JA fans into a frenzy when it went in and was counted after a
24 review of the replay. While JA had the crowd behind them entering
25 the second quarter, MRA was able to control the pace throughout
26 the quarter, keeping themselves out in front the entire time and
27 increasing their lead to 26-23 to close out the half; and

28 WHEREAS, the second half was once again all Patriots as they
29 never took their foot off the gas, pulling out to a 10-point lead
30 halfway through the third quarter and holding off a late Raider
31 charge to take a 43-31 lead into the final quarter. Although JA
32 outscored the Patriots in the fourth quarter 21-18, it was too
33 little, too late, as MRA kept up the pressure to secure the win by
34 a 61-52 margin; and

35 WHEREAS, three of MRA's players would combine for 47 of the
36 Patriots' total points, with Trey Fort leading the way with 21
37 points. Zach Jones brought home 15 points for the team, while
38 Braxton Eubanks finished the game with a double-double, scoring 11
39 points and snagging 12 rebounds; and

40 WHEREAS, the 2018 Madison-Ridgeland Academy "Patriots"
41 Championship Roster is: Mike Carter, PG; Braxton Eubanks, F; Trey
42 Fort, G/F; Cole Ruwe, G; Justin Jackson, G; Ryan Kitchens, G;
43 Blake Baldwin, G; Walker Manning, F; Hampton Hudnall, G; D.H. Dew,
44 G; Mario White, G/F; Zach Jones, C; Brendan Butler; Russ Sceroler;



45 Graham Feild, G; Joshua Tucker, G; Lewis Davis, F; John Deddens;
46 Landon Fulcher; William Milam, G; Coach Richard Duease; and
47 Assistant Coach Mark Alexander; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
49 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
50 community and to the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
53 we do hereby commend and congratulate Madison-Ridgeland Academy
54 "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Richard Duease for
55 earning their third consecutive MAIS Overall Championship, and
56 extend best wishes of the Legislature to the team members,
57 coaches, parents and sponsors for future success.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 Head Coach Richard Duease for the team, forwarded to
60 Madison-Ridgeland Academy Headmaster Termie Land and the Board of
61 Trustees, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

