

By: Senator(s) Blount, Michel, Blackmon,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 648

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ST.
2 ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL "SAINTS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH
3 BRIAN CRONIN FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN
4 SCHOOL HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, with St. Andrew's "Saints" Boys Basketball Team
6 trailing Holly Springs by three early in the fourth, Garrison Wade
7 sprinted up and jumped for the ball five feet above him for the
8 putback dunk. This would be his game. Wade then scored eight
9 unanswered points and 10 of St. Andrew's next 11. He grabbed
10 every rebound and finished every crucial play to lead St. Andrew's
11 to a 48-42 victory to win the 3A State Championship, the first in
12 school history; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Brian Cronin would not tell reporters what he
14 said to Garrison Wade at halftime, just that he told him they
15 needed him to score. Wade finished with 19 points, 19 rebounds
16 and three blocks to end his high school career; and

17 WHEREAS, Assistant Coach JeMario Rugley's father, Gus, taught
18 him competitiveness and character, and Rugley said Gus was
19 watching over this St. Andrew's team the whole season. He thanked



20 his players for ending the challenging year with a title. "They
21 did it for themselves. They did it for St. Andrew's, and they
22 said they were gonna do it for my dad, and they did that," Rugley
23 said; and

24 WHEREAS, St. Andrew's Head Coach Brian Cronin and Garrison
25 Wade celebrated after defeating Holly Springs to win the 3A State
26 Title, two guys who just made their place in St. Andrew's history;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the 2018 St. Andrew's Episcopal High School "Saints"
29 Boys Basketball Team Championship Roster is: Nolan Turner, G;
30 Rashad Bolden, G; Aaron Cooper, G; Fletcher Clark, G; Lleyton
31 Carr, G; Hudson Bataille, G; William Harkless, G; Hughes Boling,
32 G; Garrison Wade, G; Larry Day, G; Walter Johnson, C; Arness
33 Georgetown, C; Noel Wiggs, C; Michael John Davis, C; and Guanyang
34 (Gary) Gao, C; Head Coach Brian Cronin; Assistant Coaches:
35 Ontario Harper, Michael Timmer and JeMario Rugley; Managers
36 Jonathan Buckley and Wynn Garriga; and Athletic Director DeWayne
37 Cupples; and

38 WHEREAS, St. Andrew's Episcopal School offers more than just
39 an education, they offer a nurturing and challenging community
40 that feels more like a family than just a school, a community of
41 growth, shared learning, critical thinking, and positive change;
42 and



43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
44 special group of student athletes who have brought honor to their
45 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend and congratulate the St. Andrew's Episcopal
49 School "Saints" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Brian Cronin for
50 winning their first 3A State Championship in school history, and
51 extend to the players, coaches, parents and sponsors our best
52 wishes for future success.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Coach Brian Cronin and Head of School Dr. George Penick, forwarded
55 to the St. Andrew's Board of Trustees, and made available to the
56 Capitol Press Corps.

