

By: Senator(s) Parks, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 654

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PINE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL "LADY PANTHERS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH KATIE BATES FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE CLASS 1A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, in the 2017 1A State Title Game, the Pine Grove
6 "Lady Panthers" Girls Basketball Team got off to a slow start and
7 had to come from behind to win their first Title in 30 years.
8 They had no such problems getting a second Golden Ball Trophy on
9 March 8, 2018. The Lady Panthers (34-3) raced ahead to a big lead
10 and never trailed in a 56-34 win over McAdams in the 1A Finals;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, it certainly was exciting for the 750 Pine Grove
13 fans who made the 3.5-hour drive to Jackson; and

14 WHEREAS, Sophomore Karlie Rogers dominated the paint with 20
15 rebounds to go with 10 points, and Loren Elliot, also a Sophomore,
16 led all scorers with 19 points and added three steals. Junior
17 Taylor Fletcher chipped in 11 points. These three were fantastic,
18 but there is another reason Pine Grove dominated the Championship
19 Game, as it has so many times over the past two seasons. There



20 seems to be something in the water in unincorporated Tippah
21 County. Either that, or they are cloning 5-foot-10, hard-nosed
22 basketball players; and

23 WHEREAS, Pine Grove Coach Katie Bates played seven players in
24 the Championship Game, and all seven of them were between 5-foot-7
25 and 5-foot-11. They seem to be interchangeable and the Pine Grove
26 roster affords the Lady Panthers the ability to switch defensive
27 assignments on each possession, which caused confusion for
28 opposing teams all season; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2018 Pine Grove High School "Lady Panthers"
30 Girls Basketball Team Championship Roster: Bella Jumper, Brianna
31 Baggett, Kelsey Vick, Kenzie Miller, Channing Hurt, Lexi Elliott,
32 Karlie Rogers, Taylor Fletcher, Kaylee Haynes, Jessi Mauney, Loren
33 Elliott, Haley Vick, Kaylee Derrick, Mattie Michael, and Jenna
34 Pannell; and Coach Katie Bates; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pine Grove High School
41 "Lady Panthers" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Katie Bates for
42 winning their second consecutive Class 1A State Championship, and
43 we extend the best wishes of the Legislature for continued success
44 in all of their future athletic endeavors.



45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Coach Katie Bates and Pine Grove High School Principal George
47 Buchanan for the team, forwarded to the Tippah County Board of
48 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

