

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2019-2020
2 SIMPSON COUNTY ACADEMY "COUGARS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH
3 JAMES CRAIN FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER MAIS OVERALL STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Simpson Academy Cougars Boys
6 Basketball Team did what no team at Simpson County Academy has
7 ever done, won an Overall State Championship in basketball. This
8 "working-together" team took command of the game from the first
9 play. Simpson defeated Jackson Prep 45-32 before a huge crowd at
10 Mississippi College. Simpson had a rocking student section that
11 kept their team pumped! This victory followed a 2020 State AAAA
12 Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, the Cougars (37-6) put on a clinic for the second
14 day in a row, taking down Jackson Prep (24-11) to score their
15 first Overall Title in school history with a 45-32 victory over
16 the Patriots. Simpson Academy had defeated the No. 1 seed in the
17 tournament, Madison-Ridgeland Academy, to move on to the
18 Championship Game, so the Class 4A Champions certainly had the
19 momentum on their side against Jackson Prep; and



20 WHEREAS, streaking out to an early 12-3 lead, the Cougars
21 held a 16-8 advantage at the end of the first quarter and never
22 relinquished it, leading 26-19 at the half, 34-27 at the end of
23 the third quarter, and 45-32 when the final buzzer sounded; and

24 WHEREAS, Simpson ended the 2020 season with a 14-game winning
25 streak. As the team was busy celebrating a Championship, Simpson
26 Academy Center Josh Flynt summarized the team's performance
27 perfectly, "When you are hot, you are hot"; and

28 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy 2019-2020 High School
29 Boys Cougars Basketball Championship Team Roster: Joe Berry,
30 Jaden Wedgeworth, Scott Maddox, Jered Smith, Todd Larkin, Drew
31 Williams, Cole Groover, Travis Cockrell, Seth Cooper, Parker
32 Jones, Zach Brown, Cameron Larkin, Warner Watkins, Dawsan Drennan,
33 John Flynt, Crosby Mullins and Wesley Boyd; Head Coach James Crain
34 and Assistant Coach Carey Crain; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
40 2019-2020 Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team and Coach
41 James Crain for winning their first-ever MAIS Overall State
42 Championship, and extend to the team members, coaches, parents and
43 sponsors our best wishes for future championships.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 Coach James Crain for the team and Simpson Academy Headmaster
46 Billy Wayne Hankins, forwarded to the Simpson County Academy Board
47 of Trustees, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

