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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LANIER HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS BOYS
2 BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2020-2021 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
3 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) BOYS 4A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, for the first time in 14 years, the Lanier High
5 School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team reigned supreme to win the
6 2020-2021 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)
7 Boys 4A Basketball Championship, a truly phenomenal feat for such
8 an outstanding team; and

9 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, who had a superior season that was
10 driven by more than just the yearning to succeed, amplified their
11 hard work and motivation to ultimately take down the Raymond High
12 School Rangers with a score of 64-48, giving Lanier its 17th state
13 championship in program history, and the first since 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, in a matchup of two exceptional metro Jackson
15 schools, both teams were off to slow starts, with Lanier carrying
16 a slim lead into the second quarter, but as the second quarter
17 progressed, the Bulldogs began to separate themselves as they took
18 the lead with a score of 36-19 over the Rangers into halftime; and



19 WHEREAS, after halftime, the Bulldogs opened the second half
20 with more of the same, and as the Rangers drove to the basket
21 more, Lanier continued to get its way offensively; and

22 WHEREAS, Raymond made a late push in the latter half of the
23 fourth quarter, but the effort proved to be too little too late,
24 and Lanier claimed the final victory; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout the championship game, the Bulldogs
26 played with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of
27 perseverance, and their mental stamina and athletic prowess never
28 wavered from the moment they first hustled onto the court until
29 the final buzzer sounded; and

30 WHEREAS, striving to achieve greatness on the basketball
31 court, the Bulldogs put aside the excitement, fanfare and
32 attention to focus on the championship game and prepare as they
33 had throughout the season, with monumental support from the entire
34 Lanier High School community; and

35 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Bulldogs
36 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and superior
37 strategic skills to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver
38 their defense, which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted
39 trophy to Lanier High School; and

40 WHEREAS, the team's statistics were impressive, with great
41 performances by individual players, and the key to the Bulldogs'
42 consistent success has been their year-round hard work and superb
43 dedication to excellence on the court; and



44 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, who played with nothing but heart and
45 soul all season, have a very talented and distinguished roster,
46 and each player made a substantial contribution that led to an
47 outstanding season: Cameron Foster, Joshua Washington, Michael
48 Brown, Tobias Dawkins, Shamar Moffett, Damaurian Edwards,
49 Corterious Shaw, Nick Turner, Rodney Burrell, Sacario Hamilton and
50 Greg Franklin; and

51 WHEREAS, Head Coach Lawrence "Bo" Clark has superbly coached
52 and inspired the Bulldogs and broadened their knowledge of the
53 game while refining their skills in execution, and he continues to
54 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
55 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,
56 as evidenced by his ability to produce high caliber players and
57 the team's successful basketball season, and when he was diagnosed
58 with pneumonia shortly before the playoffs began, Assistant Coach
59 Rafael Anderson stepped up and led the team throughout the
60 playoffs, culminating in the Bulldogs winning the state
61 championship; and

62 WHEREAS, the members of this exceptional team will carry the
63 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
64 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
65 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
66 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season;
67 and



68 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
69 recognize and commend outstanding student-athletes, especially
70 those such as the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball
71 Team, and it is with great pride that we congratulate this elite
72 team, Head Coach Lawrence "Bo" Clark and Assistant Coach Rafael
73 Anderson, who have brought honor to Lanier High School and to the
74 great Magnolia State:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
76 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
77 commend and congratulate the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys
78 Basketball Team upon winning the
79 2020-2021 MHSAA Boys 4A Basketball Championship, and extend best
80 wishes for continued success in all of their future endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to Head Coach Lawrence "Bo" Clark and to the members of
83 the Capitol Press Corps.

