

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BELMONT HIGH
2 SCHOOL "LADY CARDINALS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH CHRIS
3 HIGGINBOTTOM FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, ITS 12TH STATE TITLE IN
5 SCHOOL HISTORY.

6 WHEREAS, Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Girls
7 Basketball Team clinched its 12th State Title in school history by
8 defeating Kossuth High School 56-55 in overtime in the Mississippi
9 High School Activities Association Class 3A Girls Basketball State
10 Championship on March 6, 2021, at the Mississippi Coliseum in
11 Jackson, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, this was both teams' first appearance in the State
13 Title Game since 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, Kossuth High School was shut out in the first
15 quarter, which ended 9-0. The only scoring happened when Belmont
16 made three consecutive 3-pointers. Belmont, who was paced by
17 senior Macie Walker's 29 points, opened the game on a 9-0 run; and

18 WHEREAS, Kossuth stormed back in the second quarter and
19 carried a 32-31 lead into the fourth quarter. Both teams traded



20 baskets down the stretch, but 32 minutes was not enough. Macie
21 Walker had five points down the stretch and added the game-winning
22 assist to freshman Brooklyn Hodum in overtime; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2021 Lady Cardinals Championship Basketball Team
24 roster: Abby Kuykendall, Alaina Hubbard, Madie Enlow, Taylor
25 Hutcheson, Cheyenne Hughes, AnnaKaren Merino, Macie Walker,
26 Mary-Grace Storment, Brooklyn Hodum, Sadie Holt, Kalea Koger,
27 Kassi Grimes and Rayleigh Guin; and Head Coach Chris Higginbottom;
28 and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
34 Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Girls Basketball Team and
35 Coach Chris Higginbottom for winning the Mississippi High School
36 Activities Association Class 3A State Championship, its 12th State
37 Title in school history, and extend to the team, coaches, parents
38 and sponsors our best wishes for continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Coach Chris Higginbottom and Belmont High School Principal Jeff
41 Boren for the team, forwarded to the Tishomingo County Board of
42 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

