

By: Representative Young

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MERIDIAN HIGH  
2 SCHOOL LADY WILDCATS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH DENESHIA  
3 FAULKNER FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN PROGRAM  
4 HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2022, the Meridian High School Lady  
6 Wildcats Basketball Team won its first state championship in  
7 program history, taking down Harrison Central 49-43 in the  
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 6A final at  
9 the Mississippi Coliseum; and

10 WHEREAS, Head Coach Deneshia Faulkner has led the Lady  
11 Wildcats to three consecutive state semifinal games, and stated,  
12 "It feels great. It's about time. They deserve it"; and

13 WHEREAS, Debreasha Powe had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the  
14 Lady Wildcats (27-3), finishing with 12 points and six rebounds in  
15 the first half as the Lady Wildcats led 24-22 at halftime; and

16 WHEREAS, the senior continued to dominate in the fourth  
17 quarter, scoring Meridian's first eight points in the fourth  
18 quarter as Harrison Central (28-3) started its late-game push; and



19 WHEREAS, Powe's layup gave Meridian a 45-40 lead with 1:30  
20 left and sealed the victory, and senior Charity Hinton added 13  
21 points and two rebounds for the Lady Wildcats; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Meridian High School Lady Wildcats  
23 Championship roster is comprised of: Marion Leflore, Jamiya King,  
24 Raygan Faulkner, Tytiana Buckley, Kenari Hardy, Charity Hinton,  
25 Syria Walker, Jamesha Jones, Jaden Hill, Kayli Hite, Jaloria  
26 Hudson, Jayda Jones, Eboni Alford, Debreasha Powe, Taleah  
27 Anderson, Symia Harbour, LaPrincess Powell, Ranyha Pruitt, Kristi  
28 Moore and Timia Graham; Head Coach Deneshia Faulkner; and  
29 Associate Head Coaches Darrin Mitchell, E'Trareo Warren and Londyn  
30 Thomas; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
32 recognize such an outstanding group of student-athletes who have  
33 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
34 Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
37 commend and congratulate the Meridian High School Lady Wildcats  
38 Basketball Team and Head Coach Deneshia Faulkner for winning their  
39 first state championship in program history, and extend to the  
40 team, coaches, parents and sponsors best wishes for continued  
41 success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to Head Coach Deneshia Faulkner, Meridian Principal Dr.



44 Angela McQuarley, to the Meridian School Board and to the members  
45 of the Capitol Press Corps.

