

By: Representative Foster

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2021-2022
2 RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL RANGERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE
4 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers Boys Basketball Team
6 reign supreme yet again after finishing the 2021-2022 season with
7 an impressive 29-5 record, and capturing the Mississippi High
8 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Basketball
9 Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Rangers played with
11 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength, and
12 for the first time in the school's history, they were ranked
13 number one by *The Clarion-Ledger* during the preseason and also
14 finished the season with the number one ranking by *The*
15 *Clarion-Ledger*, a truly remarkable feat; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rangers were undefeated 12-0 in their district,
17 and they were not only the regular season district champions, but
18 also defeated Lanier High School 51-46 to be named the district
19 tournament championship winners; and



20 WHEREAS, during the state championship game, their mental
21 stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they
22 first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed, as
23 they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered Clarksdale
24 High School in a 67-46 win; and

25 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Rangers
26 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic
27 defensive moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their
28 defense, which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted trophy
29 back to the Raymond High School trophy case, their fourth
30 championship trophy in six years; and

31 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Rangers kept their
32 focus and played one of their best games of the season, as they
33 were up 14-11 by the end of the first quarter but really pulled
34 away in the third quarter when they led 46-26, and during the
35 fourth quarter, the game was already controlled by the Rangers
36 when Eric Paymon, Jr., knocked down two free throws; and

37 WHEREAS, Jabarie Robinson won MVP and put up 19 points during
38 the game, Tremaine Dixon put up 17 points for the Rangers and
39 Chris Fuqua added another 13 points to the Rangers' score; and

40 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers Boys Basketball Team
41 is comprised of the following talented athletes: Tremaine Dixon,
42 Chris Fuqua, Christian Noel, Jabarie Robinson, Matthew Gilliam,
43 Zhakeius Jackson, Larry Lee, Dontavious Mack, Kenosha Walton,
44 Adonis Dixon, Keymarius Lewis, Gekylenn Mosley, Eric Paymon,



45 Jayden Singleton, Chris Stephens, Demarion Terry and Kemonte
46 Wright, as well as managers Kachren Lacy, Nathan Marshall,
47 Damarcus Mixon and Arianna Stephens; and

48 WHEREAS, the Rangers have been superbly coached and inspired
49 by Head Coach Tony Tadlock and Assistant Coaches Richard Caston
50 and Jason Claxton, who have broadened the players' knowledge of
51 the game and refined their skills in execution; and

52 WHEREAS, Coaches Tadlock, Caston and Claxton continue to
53 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
54 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,
55 as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber players and
56 plays and by the team's successful season; and

57 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
58 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
59 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
60 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
61 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season,
62 throughout their lives as they are constantly flooded with the
63 feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
65 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
66 Raymond High School Rangers Boys Basketball Team, and it is with
67 great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
68 student-athletes, Head Coach Tony Tadlock and Assistant Coaches
69 Richard Caston and Jason Claxton, who have brought honor to



70 Raymond High School, the City of Raymond and to the great State of
71 Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
74 commend and congratulate the 2021-2022 Raymond High School Rangers
75 Boys Basketball Team upon winning the Mississippi High School
76 Activities Association Class 4A State Basketball Championship, and
77 extend best wishes to the team and coaches for continued success
78 in all of their future endeavors.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
80 furnished to Head Coach Tony Tadlock and to the members of the
81 Capitol Press Corps.

