

By: Representative Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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

5 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys  
6 Basketball Team reign supreme yet again after finishing the  
7 2021-2022 season with an impressive 26-5 record, and capturing the  
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 3A  
9 State Basketball Championship, their fifth state boys' basketball  
10 championship; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Blue Devils played with  
12 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength, and  
13 after falling short in 2021, the Blue Devils refused to be state  
14 runners-up again, vowing to leave the State Championship  
15 tournament with the coveted Gold Ball trophy; and

16 WHEREAS, during the State Championship game on March 5, 2022,  
17 the Blue Devils' mental stamina and athletic prowess never wavered  
18 from the moment they first hustled onto the court until the final



19 buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately  
20 overpowered Southeast Lauderdale High School in a 47-35 win; and

21 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the team relied  
22 on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic defensive  
23 moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their defense,  
24 as they held Southeast Lauderdale to a season low 35 points, which  
25 ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted trophy back to the  
26 Booneville High School trophy case for the first time since 2011;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Blue Devils kept  
29 their focus and played one of their best games of the season, and  
30 after falling behind 8-2 to start the game, the Blue Devils ended  
31 the first quarter on an 8-0 run to lead 10-8, and after leading at  
32 the half 18-15, the Blue Devils took control of the game in the  
33 third quarter and never looked back; and

34 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Blue Devils Basketball  
35 Team is comprised of the following talented athletes: JJ Brown,  
36 LJ Shumpert, Dalton Jackson, Caleb Gaston, Landon Brown, Kedrick  
37 Simmons, Dicorean McGee, Jekemry Bell, Briley McKinney, Clark  
38 Janzen, Trent Rocker, Josh Dukes, Alec Nunley, James Dukes, Kade  
39 White, Riley Barnes, Rokendis Coleman, Elijah Shumpert, Matthew  
40 Windham and Gage Harrelson; and

41 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils have been superbly coached and  
42 inspired by Head Coach Michael Smith and Assistant Coaches Micah  
43 Moment, Bryant Tynes, Chip Johnson, Kenny Paul Geno and Cole



44 Lauderdale, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the game  
45 and refined their skills in execution; and

46 WHEREAS, each coach continues to build upon the legacy of  
47 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and  
48 undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in their  
49 ability to produce high caliber players and plays and by the  
50 team's successful season; and

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

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
59 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the  
60 Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team, and it is  
61 with great pride that we congratulate this elite group of student  
62 athletes, Head Coach Michael Smith and Assistant Coaches Micah  
63 Moment, Bryant Tynes, Chip Johnson, Kenny Paul Geno and Cole  
64 Lauderdale, who have brought honor to Booneville High School, the  
65 City of Booneville, the Booneville Separate School District, the  
66 Booneville School Board and to the great State of Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
68 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



69 commend and congratulate the 2021-2022 Booneville High School Blue  
70 Devils Boys Basketball Team upon winning the Mississippi High  
71 School Activities Association Class 3A State Basketball  
72 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for  
73 continued success in all of their future endeavors.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
75 furnished to Head Coach Michael Smith and to the members of the  
76 Capitol Press Corps.

