

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.

