

By: Representative Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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

5 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils
6 Basketball Team reign supreme yet again after finishing the
7 2021-2022 season with an impressive 29-2 record, and capturing the
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 3A
9 State Basketball Championship, their third state girls' basketball
10 championship; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Lady Blue Devils played
12 with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength,
13 and after just a five-win season in 2021, the Lady Blue Devils had
14 a margin of victory during the play-offs of 21.5 points per game,
15 a truly remarkable feat; and

16 WHEREAS, during the state championship game on March 5, 2022,
17 the Lady Blue Devils' mental stamina and athletic prowess never
18 wavered from the moment they first hustled onto the court until
19 the final buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted, outplayed and



20 ultimately overpowered Noxubee County High School in a 46-30 win;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the team relied
23 on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic defensive
24 moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their defense,
25 which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted trophy back to
26 the Booneville High School trophy case for the first time since
27 2016; and

28 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Lady Blue Devils
29 kept their focus and played one of their best games of the season,
30 and after trailing at the end of the first quarter 10-9, the Lady
31 Blue Devils regained their footing in the second quarter,
32 outscoring Noxubee County 18-1, and never let off the gas until
33 their championship trophy was hoisted into the air; and

34 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils
35 Basketball Team is comprised of the following talented athletes:
36 Ava Kate Smith, Josie Dawson, Taitiana Beene, Arlaina Rogers,
37 Chloe Ruth, Emma Cunningham, Hallie Burns, Kylee Johnson, Emsley
38 Murphy, Olivia Garrett, Kaylee Johnson, Avery Wildmon, Myaisha
39 Ogden, Abby Morgan, Meghan Windham, Kymani Smith, Kierra Slack,
40 Jadyn Lindsey, Taylor Brooke White and Kellan Johnson; and

41 WHEREAS, the Lady 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 Lady Blue Devils 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 Lady
70 Blue Devils 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.

