

By: Representatives Harness, Clarke,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ALCORN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH LANDON BUSSIE FOR
3 WINNING THE 2022 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SWAC) REGULAR
4 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball
6 Team clinched the 2021-2022 Southwestern Athletic Conference
7 (SWAC) Regular Season title, for the first time in 20 years, after
8 defeating rival, the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff (UAPB),
9 100-77 on March 6, 2022, and breaking the 100-point scoring
10 threshold for the first time since the 2019-2020 season; and

11 WHEREAS, with five Braves putting up double figures in the
12 contest, Keondre Montgomery, a Jackson native, came off the bench
13 to put up 21 points to lead the Braves in the effort, going for
14 7-for-10 from the field, including 5-of-6 in three-point range, as
15 well as adding two points at the free throw line and bringing down
16 five boards; and

17 WHEREAS, with his first double-double of the season, Justin
18 Thomas contributed to the Braves' expansive lead with 11 points
19 and 10 assists, while fellow teammates, Lenell Henry netted 17



20 points and led the team in rebounding with nine boards, and
21 complimented by Byron Joshua's 15 points and Darrious Agnew's 14
22 points to round out the Brave's double-digit scoring; and

23 WHEREAS, making 41 of 63 from the floor, including nine of 17
24 from beyond the arch, the Braves were shooting 80.6% from the
25 field, with a 75% accuracy from three-point range; and

26 WHEREAS, a fast-paced run from the first quarter tip-off, saw
27 the Braves dominate UAPB by sinking 90% of their shot attempts,
28 and the combined successes of Montgomery and Henry from behind the
29 arc bolstered the Brave's scoring run, the largest of the contest
30 as Alcorn would lead the Golden Lions by 32 points, with just 2:49
31 seconds left before the break to enter halftime with a 63-36
32 advantage; and

33 WHEREAS, mounting a formidable defense and full-court press
34 on the offense at the onset of the second half, UAPB was able to
35 slowly chip away at the Braves lead within 18 points, 95-77,
36 however, Alcorn's sheer grit and determination to emerge
37 victorious was enough to hold the Golden Lions at bay, not
38 allowing them to score another point, while adding five points to
39 their final tally through the contribution of Thomas, who hit a
40 two-point jumper, followed by Montgomery's skillful landing of a
41 three-pointer during the final minute; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
43 join the students, faculty and sponsors in recognizing this
44 special group of university student-athletes who reached one of



45 the pinnacles of collegiate basketball excellence and have brought
46 honor to their university, their community and to the State of
47 Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 commend and congratulate the Alcorn State University Men's
51 Basketball Team and Head Coach Landon Bussie for winning the 2022
52 SWAC Regular Season Championship, and extend to the athletes and
53 coaches our best wishes for continued success.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Head Coach Landon Bussie, Interim Athletic Director
56 Cyrus Russ, and President Felecia M. Nave on behalf of the team,
57 to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
58 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

