

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Barnett, Butler
(38th), McDaniel, McLendon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SIMPSON ACADEMY "COUGARS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 CAREY CRAIN FOR WINNING THE MAIS CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2022, Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys
5 Basketball Team took it to the top defeating Starkville Academy to
6 win the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) 5A
7 State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, in the Championship Game, Simpson Academy faced
9 Starkville Academy who recently beat Simpson Academy in the North
10 State Championship by four points. The Cougars jumped out to an
11 early lead but Starkville quickly cut the lead to five points with
12 a halftime score of 23-18. The lead was cut to 23-21, and the
13 second half was all Simpson Academy. The final score was 65-39;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in the first round of the State Tournament, Simpson
16 Academy faced off with Copiah Academy. The Cougars jumped out to
17 an early lead in the 1st quarter with a score of 16-10. They
18 expanded the lead and went into halftime leading 37-20. The



19 second half was more of the same. The Cougars won with a score of
20 72-54. The Cougars were led by Senior, Dawson Drennan, with 17
21 points, eight rebounds and four steals; and

22 WHEREAS, the Simpson Academy Boys Basketball Championship
23 Team Roster is: Sawyer Dunn, Cameron Larkin, Scott Maddox, Gage
24 Smith, Colin Jenkins, Walker Phillips, Miles Owens, Travis
25 Cockrell, Chanse Funchess, Parker Jones, Zach Brown, Benjamin
26 Kennedy, Riley Clark, Dawsan Drennan, Bryce Williams, Tyler Flynt,
27 Dylan Perdomo and Wesley Boyd; Head Coach, Carey Crain; Assistant
28 Coaches, Chaucer Funchess and Brad Smith; Stats, Ramsey Jones;
29 Athletic Director, Todd Mangum; and Trainer, Jonathan Pierce.
30 Making the All State Tournament Team is Dawsan Drennan and Sawyer
31 Dunn; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
33 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
34 community and to the State of Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Simpson Academy
38 "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Carey Crain for
39 winning the MAIS Class 5A State Championship and extend our best
40 wishes to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for future
41 success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Head Coach Carey Crain for the team and Headmaster Nick Lee,



44 forwarded to the Simpson Academy Board of Trustees and made
45 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

