

By: Senator(s) Hickman, Tate, Barnett,
Branning, Butler (38th), Frazier, McCaughn,
Norwood, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 569

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL "LADY WILDCATS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH DENESHIA FAULKNER FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
4 IN PROGRAM HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, on March 5, 2022, the Meridian High School "Lady
6 Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team won its first State Championship
7 in program history, taking down Harrison Central 49-43 in the
8 Class 6A Final at the Mississippi Coliseum; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Deneshia Faulkner has led the Wildcats to
10 three consecutive State Semifinal Games. "It feels great," Coach
11 Faulkner said. "It's about time. They deserve it"; and

12 WHEREAS, Debreasha Powe had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the
13 Wildcats (27-3). Powe finished with 12 points and six rebounds in
14 the first half as the Wildcats led 24-22 at halftime. Senior
15 Debreasha Powe continued to dominate in the fourth quarter. Powe
16 scored Meridian's first eight points in the fourth as Harrison
17 Central (28-3) started its late-game push. Powe's layup gave
18 Meridian a 45-40 lead with 1:30 left and sealed the victory.



19 Senior Charity Hinton added 13 points and two rebounds for
20 Meridian; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats"
22 Championship Roster: Marion Leflore, Jamiya King, Raygan
23 Faulkner, Tytianna Buckley, Charity Hinton, Syria Walker, Jamesha
24 Jones, Jaden Hill, Kayli Hite, Jaloria Hudson, Jayda Jones, Eboni
25 Alford, Debreasha Powe, Taleah Anderson, Symia Harbour, La
26 Princess Powell, Raniya Pruitt, Kristi Moore and Timia Graham;
27 Head Coach Deneshia Faulkner; and Associate Head Coaches Darrin
28 Mitchell, E'trereo Warren and Londyn Thomas; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
34 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Meridian High School
35 "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Deneshia Faulkner
36 for winning their first State Championship in program history, and
37 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes
38 for continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Coach Deneshia Faulkner for the team and Meridian Principal Dr.
41 Angela McQuarley, forwarded to the Meridian School Board, and made
42 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

