

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.

