

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 594

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BOONEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL "LADY BLUE DEVILS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
3 AND HEAD COACH MICHAEL SMITH FOR WINNING THE 2022 MHSAA CLASS 3A
4 GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, THEIR THIRD STATE TITLE IN SCHOOL
5 HISTORY.

6 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Hill Country has had an incredible
7 showing at the Mississippi High School Activities Association
8 (MHSAA) Basketball Championships at the Mississippi Coliseum, and
9 the Girls 3A Championship was no exception; and

10 WHEREAS, the Booneville Blue Devils created separation with a
11 big second quarter and played four quarters of strong defense to
12 hold off Noxubee County 46-30 to claim the MHSAA Girls Class 3A
13 State Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, it is Booneville's (29-2) third State Title in their
15 school's history and first State Title since 2016; and

16 WHEREAS, "The game was very emotional, a lot of ups and
17 downs, and the girls fought through it and got it done. Our girls
18 gave them a big punch in the second quarter and again in the
19 fourth quarter," said Booneville Head Coach Michael Smith; and



20 WHEREAS, Noxubee County held a 10-9 lead in the first
21 quarter, but the second quarter was all Booneville. Noxubee
22 County cut the lead down to 11 points at 28-17 in the early part
23 of the third quarter, as the Lady Tigers went on a 6-1 run.
24 Booneville scored the first five points of the fourth quarter to
25 take a 42-25 lead to seal the game. Coach Smith cleared the bench
26 with more than two minutes to go; and

27 WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Lady Blue Devil's Basketball Team
28 Championship Roster: Ava Kate Smith, Josie Dawson, Taitiana
29 Beene, Arlaina Rogers, Chloe Ruth, Emma Cunningham, Hallie Burns,
30 Kylee Johnson, Emsley Murphy, Olivia Garrett, Kaylee Johnson,
31 Avery Wildmon, Myaisha Ogden, Abigail Morgan, Megan Windham,
32 Kymani Smith, Kierra Slack, Jadyn Lindsey; and Head Coach Michael
33 Smith, Assistant Coaches, Kenny Paul Geno, Chip Johnson, Cole
34 Lauderdale, Micah Moment and Bryant Tynes; and

35 WHEREAS, Coach Michael Smith explained after Booneville's
36 45-30 win over Franklin County in the MHSAA 3A Semifinal at the
37 Mississippi Coliseum. "We're proud of where we are now compared
38 to where we were a year ago. We've come a long way." Make no
39 mistake, this is the same Booneville program that has played for
40 seven championships in the last 10 years. The championship
41 victory over Noxubee County made eight championships in 11 years;
42 and



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

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Booneville High School
49 "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Michael Smith
50 for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship,
51 their third State Title in school history, and extend to the team,
52 coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Head Coach Michael Smith and Booneville Principle Bo Sandlin,
55 forwarded to the Booneville School Board, and made available to
56 the Capitol Press Corps.

