

By: Senator(s) Butler (36th), Simmons
(13th), Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, with his first double-double of the season, Justin
19 Thomas contributed to the Braves' expansive lead with 11 points



20 and 10 assists, while fellow teammates, Lenell Henry netted 17
21 points and led the team in rebounding with nine boards,
22 complemented by Byron Joshua's 15 points and Darrious Agnew's 14
23 points to round out the Braves' double-digit scoring; and

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

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

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

43 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and sponsors in
44 recognizing this special group of university student-athletes who



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

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

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

