

By: Representative Calvert

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LAMAR ACADEMY  
2 "RAIDERS" GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH COURTNEY  
3 SCHIMELPFENING UPON WINNING THEIR FIRST MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION OF  
4 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (MAIS) 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, coaches, parents and faculty  
6 at Lamar Academy in Meridian, Mississippi, in celebrating the  
7 "Raiders" girls volleyball team's first Midsouth Association of  
8 Independent Schools (MAIS) 5A State Championship in program  
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2022, the Lamar Academy "Raiders"  
11 swept Simpson Academy in three sets to win the MAIS Division II 5A  
12 State Championship at Mississippi College; and

13 WHEREAS, Lamar earned first-round bye in the start of the  
14 playoffs and then swept Madison St. Joe 3-0 to advance to the  
15 State Championship for the second year in a row; and

16 WHEREAS, after last year's loss in the State Championship,  
17 the "Raiders" theme for the 2022 season was all about redemption  
18 and getting back to the State Championship once again, rising  
19 above all of their 5A challengers to reign victorious in every



20 single set played during the 2022 season, sweeping the "Cougars"  
21 twice regular and post season play, and winning all three sets in  
22 the championship series; and

23 WHEREAS, Seniors Harleigh Gray, Carley Rolison, Kaylee Brown  
24 and Ava Temple were the four seniors who helped carry this young  
25 "Raiders" team back to the State Championship, "working  
26 tirelessly, endlessly, constantly and consistently"; and

27 WHEREAS, the "Raiders" have been superbly coached and  
28 inspired by Head Coach Courtney Schimelpfening and Assistant Coach  
29 Alex Schimelpfening, who have broadened their knowledge of the  
30 game, while refining their skills in execution, continuing the  
31 tradition of building upon the legacy of superior play and true  
32 sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each  
33 team member, as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber  
34 players and plays, as evidenced by the team's successful  
35 championship season; and

36 WHEREAS, the 2022 "Raiders" Championship roster is Ashby  
37 Woods, Emma Hale, Ella Temple, Kaylee Brown, Rylee Schimelpfening,  
38 Carley Rolison, Caroline Fruge, Ava Temple, Harleigh Gray, Emily  
39 Price, Mallory Smith, Sellers Breaux and Bailey Brook Mayatt; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as  
42 the Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls Volleyball Team, who have  
43 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
44 Mississippi:



45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 commend and congratulate the Lamar Academy "Raiders" Girls  
48 Volleyball Team and Head Coach Courtney Schimelpfening for winning  
49 their first Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) 5A  
50 State Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents, and  
51 sponsors our best wishes for future success.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Coach Courtney Schimelpfening, the Lamar Academy  
54 Headmaster Leigh Ann Ballou and the Board of Trustees, and to the  
55 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

