

By: Representative Wallace

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2022-2023
2 SIMPSON COUNTY ACADEMY COUGARS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 JOSH MCNULTY UPON WINNING THE MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT
4 SCHOOLS (MAIS) CLASS 5A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Cougars Boys Basketball
6 Team and Head Coach Josh McNulty reigned supreme yet again after
7 finishing the 2022-2023 season with an impressive 27-8 record, and
8 capturing the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS)
9 Class 5A State Basketball Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Cougars played with
11 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of fortitude, and
12 Chanse Funchess, Colin Jenkins, Sawyer Dunn and Gage Smith all
13 made the MAIS 5A All-Tournament Team; and

14 WHEREAS, during the state championship game, the Cougars
15 played with nothing but strength and determination, as their
16 mental stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment
17 they first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed,
18 as they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered Oak Forest
19 in a 60-50 win; and



20 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Cougars
21 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic
22 defensive moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their
23 defense, which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted trophy
24 back to the Simpson County Academy trophy case, their second
25 championship trophy in as many years; and

26 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Cougars are comprised of
27 the following talented athletes: Sawyer Dunn, Jay Rankin, Gage
28 Smith, Colin Jenkins, Walker Phillips, Denver Carter, Braden
29 Overby, Chanse Funchess, Bryce Williams, Benjamin Kennedy, Calvin
30 Smith, Riley Clark and Dylan Perdomo; and

31 WHEREAS, the Cougars have been superbly coached and inspired
32 by Head Coach Josh McNulty, who has broadened the players'
33 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution, and
34 he continues to build upon the legacy of superior play and true
35 sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each
36 team member, as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber
37 players and plays and by the team's successful season; and

38 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
39 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
40 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
41 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
42 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season,
43 throughout their lives as they are constantly flooded with the
44 feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and



45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
47 Simpson County Academy Boys Basketball Team, and it is with great
48 pride that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes
49 and Head Coach Josh McNulty, who have brought honor to Simpson
50 County Academy and to the great State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 commend and congratulate the 2022-2023 Simpson County Academy
54 Cougars Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Josh McNulty upon
55 winning the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS)
56 Class 5A State Basketball Championship, and extend best wishes to
57 the team and coaches for continued success in all their future
58 endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Head Coach Josh McNulty and to the members of the
61 Capitol Press Corps.

