

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.

