

By: Representatives Clarke, Harness,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ALCORN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH LANDON BUSSIE FOR
3 WINNING THE 2022-2023 SWAC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball
5 Team clinched the 2022-2023 Southwestern Athletic Conference
6 (SWAC) Regular Season title, making them back-to-back SWAC Regular
7 Season Champions, after defeating rival, the University of
8 Arkansas - Pine Bluff (UAPB), 63-58 on March 4, 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, the Braves close out the regular season 18-12
10 overall and 15-3 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference; and

11 WHEREAS, Byron Joshua led the Braves offense against the
12 Golden Lions, as the New Orleans, Louisiana, native went up for 23
13 points with five rebounds and three assists, and Dekedran Thorn
14 also hit double-digits with 10 points; and

15 WHEREAS, the championship game was a hard-fought battle on
16 both sides of the ball, as the score tied six times with five lead
17 changes, and UAPB took an early lead, going on a 9-0 run before
18 Trevin Wade went to the free-throw line for Alcorn and ended the



19 Braves scoring drought to land both of his shots and cut the
20 Golden Lions lead to 9-2; and

21 WHEREAS, the Braves picked up some momentum and locked the
22 score at 19 with 8:34 remaining in the contest, but the Golden
23 Lions went on another scoring run to close the period, and Alcorn
24 entered halftime trailing UAPB 29-26; and

25 WHEREAS, after halftime, a full minute ticked off before Doss
26 split free throws at the line to give UAPB the first points in the
27 second half, but Jeremiah Kendall answered for Alcorn, also
28 splitting his free throws at the line to cut the Golden Lions lead
29 to 30-27 with 18:27 left in the game; and

30 WHEREAS, with just four minutes left to play, the Braves led
31 the Golden Lions, 55-53, and Montgomery added a free throw, and
32 Joshua had back-to-back layups to extend Alcorn's lead to 60-53
33 with less than two minutes left, and UAPB would attempt to best
34 the Braves in the remaining seconds, but Alcorn stayed ahead for
35 the 63-58 victory; and

36 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University Men's Basketball Team is
37 comprised of the following talented athletes: Dontrell McQuarter,
38 Byron Joshua, Trevin Wade, Devin Carter, Keondre Montgomery, Mike
39 Pajeaud, Oddyst Walker, Dekedran Thorn, Jeremiah Kendall, Willie
40 Anderson, Darryl Jordan, Cameron Butler, Dominic Brewton, Gregory
41 Crawford, Ladarius Marshall and Shaun Walker; and

42 WHEREAS, the Braves have been superbly coached and inspired
43 by Head Coach Landon Bussie, Assistant Coaches Cy Alexander, Gary



44 Smith and Benjamin Mandelbaum, and student manager Kevin Firle,
45 who have each broadened the players' knowledge of the game and
46 refined their skills in execution; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 join the students, faculty and sponsors in recognizing this
49 special group of university student-athletes who have reached the
50 pinnacles of collegiate basketball excellence and have brought
51 honor to their university, their community and to the State of
52 Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 commend and congratulate the Alcorn State University Men's
56 Basketball Team and Head Coach Landon Bussie for winning the
57 2022-2023 SWAC Regular Season Championship, and extend to the
58 athletes and coaches best wishes for continued success.

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

