

By: Representative Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2022-2023
2 BOONEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON
3 WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS
4 3A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE
5 SEASON.

6 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys
7 Basketball Team reign supreme yet again after finishing the
8 2022-2023 season with an impressive 30-2 record, and capturing the
9 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 3A
10 State Basketball Championship for the second consecutive season,
11 and the program's fourth state boys' basketball championship; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Blue Devils played with
13 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength, and
14 during the state championship game on March 4, 2023, their mental
15 stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they
16 first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed, as
17 they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered Southeast
18 Lauderdale High School Tigers, in a repeat performance of last



19 year's championship showdown for the golden trophy, with a
20 domineering 70-51 win; and

21 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the team relied
22 on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic defensive
23 moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their defense,
24 which ultimately allowed them to bring home the golden basketball
25 for the second consecutive season, as evidenced by the dynamic
26 contributions of Kedrick Simmons with 24 points, Dicorean McGee
27 with an addition of 11 points, while Dalton Jackson and Landon
28 Brown both chipped in 10 points each; and

29 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Blue Devils kept
30 their focus and played one of their best games of the season, and
31 initially jumped out to a 9-0 lead at the start of the game, the
32 Blue Devils ended the first quarter with a lead of 20-16, and
33 after leading at the half 30-23, the Blue Devils took control of
34 the game in the third quarter with a 39-27 lead and never looked
35 back, coasting into the fourth quarter with a 46-35 lead before
36 sealing the deal with a 60-45 lead at the midpoint of the fourth;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the Booneville High School Blue Devils Basketball
39 Team is comprised of the following talented athletes: Jekemry
40 Bell, Rhett Smith, Dalton Jackson, Landon Brown, Briley McKinney,
41 Kedrick Simmons, Dicorean McGee, Noah Gillon, i'Kerious Leslie,
42 LeByron Tynes, Isaiah Jackson, Trenton Rocker, Elijah Dukes, Alec



43 Nunley, James Dukes, Camryn Hampton, Jayden Williams, Elijah
44 Shumpert, Matthew Windham and Koley Floyd; and

45 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils have been superbly coached and
46 inspired by Head Coach Michael Smith, and Assistant Coaches, Micah
47 Moment, Bryant Tynes, Cole Lauderdale, Chip Johnson and Kenny Paul
48 Geno, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the game and
49 refined their skills in execution; and

50 WHEREAS, having legendary status this season by becoming the
51 first coach in Mississippi history to win back-to-back boys and
52 girls state championships, Coach Smith continues to build upon the
53 legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the
54 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced
55 in their ability to produce high caliber players, plays and
56 undoubtedly, by the team's successful season; and

57 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
58 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
59 status, as well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and
60 perseverance learned during this amazing season, throughout their
61 lives as they are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness
62 that accompanies being a champion; and

63 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
64 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
65 Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team, and it is
66 with great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
67 student-athletes and Head Coach Michael Smith, who have brought



68 honor to their school, community and to the great State of
69 Mississippi:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
72 commend and congratulate the 2022-2023 Booneville High School Blue
73 Devils Boys Basketball Team upon winning the Mississippi High
74 School Activities Association Class (MHSAA) 3A State Basketball
75 Championship for the second consecutive season, and extend best
76 wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Head Coach Michael Smith and to the members of the
79 Capitol Press Corps.

