

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.

