

By: Representatives Rosebud, Sanders,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MCEVANS SCHOOL
2 WARRIORS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH ERIC HENRY FOR
3 WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS
4 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the McEvans School Warriors Basketball Team raced
6 past McAdams 67-48 to claim the Mississippi High School Activities
7 Association (MHSAA) Class 1A Boys State Championship on March 2,
8 2023, at the Mississippi Coliseum; and

9 WHEREAS, the Warriors finished the season with a 24-6 record,
10 and the championship was the school's fifth state title in school
11 history and its first since 2015, when the school was known as
12 Shaw; and

13 WHEREAS, during the championship game, McAdams jumped out to
14 a 9-3 lead to begin the game and eventually held a 16-6 lead at
15 the end of the quarter, but after that, it was all the Warriors,
16 as they implored the full-court press, which they had not used at
17 all during the off season, which caught McAdams off guard, but
18 forcing turnovers that led to easy baskets was something the
19 Warriors had done all year; and



20 WHEREAS, behind a defense that forced 31 turnovers and the
21 play of Brandon Hall and Jalen Smith, McEvans went on an 18-2 run
22 in the second quarter to take a 24-18 lead and held a 24-21
23 halftime lead, and a 10-2 run to begin the second half stretched
24 the Warriors' lead out to 34-23 and an 8-0 run to end the third
25 quarter gave McEvans a 42-27 lead headed to the fourth; and

26 WHEREAS, during the final period, the Warriors' lead never
27 dwindled below nine points, and Brandon Hall and Jalen Smith each
28 had 18 points to lead McEvans, while Edward Smith added 11 points
29 for the Warriors; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Warriors' Championship Team Roster
31 consists of the following talented athletes: Omarion Blake, Jalen
32 Smith, Brenton Hall, Jordan McDaniel, Brandon Hall, Elijah
33 Johnson, Bryan Dotson, Antone Kirkland, Edward Smith, Delvin
34 Jordan, Treyshawn Thomas, Raysheed Hornes, Tanari Cooper, and
35 Rodrick Phillips; and Head Coach Eric Henry; and

36 WHEREAS, the Warriors have been superbly coached and inspired
37 by Head Coach Eric Henry, who has been coaching the team since
38 they were in the tenth grade, and during his tenure with this
39 group of young men, he has broadened the players' knowledge of the
40 game and refined their skills in execution; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
43 McEvans School Boys Basketball Team, and it is with great pride
44 that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes and Head



45 Coach Eric Henry, who have brought honor to their school and to
46 the great State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend and congratulate the McEvans School Warriors Boys
50 Basketball Team and Head Coach Eric Henry for winning the
51 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 1A State
52 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for
53 continued success in all their future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Head Coach Eric Henry, McEvans Principal Shannon
56 Thompson, the Bolivar County School Board and to the members of
57 the Capitol Press Corps.

