

By: Representative Denton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING COACH TROY STEWART
 2 FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL 2022-2023 SEASON AS HEAD COACH OF THE
 3 VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL MISSY GATORS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND FOR
 4 BEING SELECTED AS THE VICKSBURG DAILY NEWS GIRLS' BASKETBALL HEAD
 5 COACH OF THE YEAR AND THE CO-RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 VICKSBURG POST
 6 BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD.

7 WHEREAS, Coach Troy Stewart, Head Coach for the Vicksburg
 8 High School Missy Gators Basketball Team, has been selected as the
 9 *Vicksburg Daily News* Girls' Basketball Head Coach of the Year and
 10 the co-recipient of the 2023 Vicksburg Post Basketball Coach of
 11 the Year Award after leading Vicksburg High School girls'
 12 basketball team to 21 wins in the 2021-2022 season; and

13 WHEREAS, the Missy Gators finished with a 25-6 record and won
 14 their fourth consecutive Mississippi High School Activities
 15 Association (MHSAA) Region 4-5A Tournament Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, over the last few years, the Missy Gators have
 17 become a brand name in women's basketball by knocking off the
 18 majority of their opponents and making a deep run in the playoffs
 19 each season, and Coach Stewart, who just finished his fifth season



20 as the head coach, quickly helped Vicksburg become one of the top
21 teams in 5A; and

22 WHEREAS, under the helm of Coach Stewart, the Missy Gators
23 advanced to the third round of the playoffs after going on a nine
24 game winning streak midway through the season; and

25 WHEREAS, during the summer, Vicksburg High School
26 participated in out of state tournaments in preparation for the
27 upcoming season, which paid off greatly, and Coach Stewart made
28 many changes before the season which tested the team's
29 athleticism; and

30 WHEREAS, Coach Stewart's selection for the Girls' Basketball
31 Head Coach of the Year Award by the *Vicksburg Daily News* is the
32 second time in the last three years he has been selected due to
33 his great leadership style and ability to show progress within his
34 program; and

35 WHEREAS, not only is Coach Stewart's team remarkable on the
36 court, but they also excel in the classroom, as they were
37 acknowledged as a scholar team for having an above 3.0 GPA; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach Stewart was assisted by Valencia McFarland and
39 Deatra Cable, who both put in a tremendous amount of work with the
40 team and helped secure the district title, and he was also
41 tremendously supported by his wife and children; and

42 WHEREAS, since joining Vicksburg High School to lead his alma
43 mater's girls basketball program in 2017, Coach Stewart has
44 tremendously inspired each of his student-athletes to strive to



45 achieve greatness on and off the court, and has continued a legacy
46 of athletic excellence that will surely be remembered for years to
47 come; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
49 recognize outstanding Mississippi athletic leaders, especially
50 those such as Coach Troy Stewart, whose dedication to his
51 student-athletes brings honor to Vicksburg High School and to the
52 State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 recognize and commend Coach Troy Stewart for his exceptional
56 2022-2023 season as head coach of the Vicksburg High School Missy
57 Gators Girls Basketball Team and for being selected as the
58 *Vicksburg Daily News* Girls' Basketball Head Coach of the Year and
59 the co-recipient of the 2023 Vicksburg Post Basketball Coach of
60 the Year Award and extend best wishes for continued success in all
61 his future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Head Coach Troy Stewart and to the members of the
64 Capitol Press Corps.

