

By: Representative Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BOONEVILLE HIGH  
2 SCHOOL GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH MICHAEL SMITH FOR  
3 BEING THE ONLY HIGH SCHOOL COACH IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY TO WIN  
4 CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL.

5 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2023, Coach Michael Smith became the  
6 only high school coach in Mississippi history to win consecutive  
7 state championships in both girls and boys basketball when the  
8 Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Girls Basketball Team won  
9 the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 3A State  
10 Championship and the Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys  
11 Basketball Team won the Mississippi High School Activities  
12 Association Class 3A State Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, Head Coach Michael Smith has realized unprecedented  
14 success as the Booneville Boys and Girls basketball coach, and  
15 through his immense leadership ability and natural flair for  
16 greatness, Coach Smith has procured numerous winning records, as  
17 his professionalism and passion for the game are a testament of  
18 the true value that he not only provides to the Blue Devils but to  
19 the game of basketball overall; and



20           WHEREAS, the focused, resolute and detail-oriented Coach  
21 Smith inspires each of his players with his determination,  
22 ambition and intellect, and his elite status as a basketball coach  
23 was truly exhibited when the boys and girls teams won their second  
24 consecutive championship titles this year; and

25           WHEREAS, Coach Smith's encouragement and positive influence  
26 on each player has exponentially advanced the Booneville High  
27 School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, and the players genuinely  
28 revel in the time and effort he dedicates to making each of them  
29 better than they were the day before, as they can absolutely feel  
30 the care for their overall well-being and the faith in their  
31 unique abilities that he possesses for each one of them; and

32           WHEREAS, Coach Smith has transformed each of his players into  
33 the championship caliber athletes they are today, broadened their  
34 knowledge of the game, refined their skills in execution and  
35 equipped each of them to realize their full potential and reach  
36 their goals; and

37           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
38 recognize and honor the selflessness and benevolence of fine  
39 Mississippi educators, especially those such as Coach Michael  
40 Smith, an exhilarating combination of proficient basketball  
41 expertise and sincerity who radiates excellence and inspires all  
42 those who have the opportunity to learn and flourish under his  
43 tutelage to be better than the day before:



44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
46 commend and congratulate Booneville High School Girls and Boys  
47 Basketball Head Coach Michael Smith for being the only high school  
48 coach in Mississippi history to win consecutive state  
49 championships in both girls and boys basketball, and extend best  
50 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

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

