

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Barnett, Butler  
(38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SIMPSON COUNTY  
2 ACADEMY "COUGARS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH JOSH MCNULTY FOR  
3 WINNING BACK-TO-BACK MAIS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and parents of Simpson  
5 County Academy in recognizing the "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team  
6 and Head Coach Josh McNulty for winning consecutive MAIS 5A State  
7 Championships; and

8 WHEREAS, Simpson Academy played Oak Forest on February 18,  
9 2023, in the MAIS 5A Tournament hosted by Pillow Academy. The  
10 "Cougars" played a tough game that ended in their favor with a  
11 score of 60-50. Simpson County Academy advanced to the MAIS  
12 Overall Tournament hosted at Mississippi College on February 23,  
13 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, congratulations to Chanse Funchess, Colin Jenkins,  
15 Sawyer Dunn and Gage Smith for making the MAIS 5A All-Tournament  
16 Team; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 "Cougars" Championship Team is: Sawyer  
18 Dunn, Jay Rankin, Gage Smith, Colin Jenkins, Walker Phillips,



19 Denver Carter, Braden Overby, Chanse Funchess, Bryce Williams,  
20 Benjamin Kennedy, Calvin Smith, Riley Clark, Dylan Perdomo and  
21 Head Coach Josh McNulty; and

22 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
23 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
24 community and to the State of Mississippi:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
27 Simpson County Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team and Coach  
28 Josh McNulty for winning back-to-back MAIS 5A State Championships,  
29 and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best  
30 wishes for future athletic and academic success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
32 Coach Josh McNulty for the team and Simpson County Academy  
33 Headmaster Nick Lee, forwarded to the Simpson County Academy Board  
34 of Trustees and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

