

By: Senator(s) Thomas, Barnett, Butler
(38th), Hopson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE YAZOO CITY
2 HIGH SCHOOL "INDIANS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH ANTHONY
3 CARLYLE FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE
4 FIRST TIME IN 27 YEARS.

5 WHEREAS, on March 2, 2023, Yazoo City High School "Indians"
6 Boys Basketball Team rolled over the defending champ Raymond High
7 School in the 4A Championship Game. It was the "Indians" Coach
8 Anthony Carlyle's sixth career championship at his third different
9 school; and

10 WHEREAS, behind the play of Juniors Damarion Winston and
11 Tamarion Hoover, the "Indians" got past powerhouse Raymond 53-43
12 to claim the MHSAA Boys Class 4A State Championship at the
13 Mississippi Coliseum. It is the "Indians" (30-5) second State
14 Title in school history and first since 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, "We wanted to hit them early with pressure," said
16 Yazoo City Coach Anthony Carlyle. "We're a very good defensive
17 team and do a good job of keeping people in front of us and not
18 give up anything easy." The "Indians" never trailed; and



19 WHEREAS, Yazoo City held a slim 11-7 lead at the end of the
20 first quarter. The "Indians" went on a 11-4 run in the second
21 quarter to stretch their lead out to 22-11 and eventually hold a
22 28-15 lead at halftime. Raymond clawed back into it as the
23 "Rangers" went on a 10-2 run to begin the third quarter to cut
24 Yazoo City's lead 30-25, but the "Indians" ended the third quarter
25 with back-to-back baskets to stretch their lead back out 39-30;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the last time Yazoo City won a State Championship
28 was in 1996. Coach Anthony Carlyle was in the fifth grade at the
29 time. Twenty-seven years later, Carlyle led his alma mater to the
30 second State Title in program history; and

31 WHEREAS, it is Coach Carlyle's sixth title in ten years at
32 three different schools. Carlyle coached Velma Jackson to titles
33 in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017, Columbus in 2018 and returned to
34 bring his alma mater back to the promised land. Carlyle's father
35 Archie Carlyle, was the Coach for the "Indians" in the 1996 Title
36 Team. He is 6-0 in Championship Games; and

37 WHEREAS, behind a stellar defensive strategy along with the
38 play of Tamarion Hoover, Yazoo City got past South Pike 46-35 in a
39 defensive slugfest in the Semifinal Round of the MHSAA Boys Class
40 4A Basketball Playoffs at the Mississippi Coliseum on February 27,
41 2023; and

42 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Yazoo City Championship Roster is:
43 Daveon Henry, William Grayson, Damarion Winston, Dalon Henry,



44 Kor'tae Meadows, Travis Jones, Jacolby Little, Chris Steveon
45 Gates, Demond Collum, Caleb Crozier, Xa Quarius Thomas, Cheimion
46 Banks, Ja Corion Taylor, Tierral Rials, Jr., Jamarion Bryant,
47 Jermon Baymon; and Head Coach Anthony Carlyle; and

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

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Yazoo
53 City High School "Indians" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Anthony
54 Carlyle for winning the MHSAA Class 4A State Championship for the
55 first time in 27 years, and extend the best wishes of the
56 Mississippi Senate to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for
57 future success.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 Coach Anthony Carlyle and Yazoo City Principal Dr. Kelvin Fuller,
60 forwarded to the Yazoo City School Board and made available to the
61 Capitol Press Corps.

