

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

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST
2 RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL "COUGARS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 JOSHUA LUCKETT FOR WINNING ITS FIRST MHSAA 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
4 IN A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED "BATTLE FOR RANKIN COUNTY."

5 WHEREAS, the highly anticipated "Battle for Rankin County"
6 ended with the Golden Ball travelling to the north side of I-20,
7 as Northwest Rankin High School defeated Brandon 66-52 in the
8 Class 6A Boys State Championship on March 4, 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, despite losing both games in the regular season to
10 the "Bulldogs," the "Cougars" won when it counted. Senior Guard
11 Brendan Brown led the "Cougars" with 20 points, five assists and
12 two steals after 29 points in the semifinals, and was named the
13 game's MVP. "This was the battle of Rankin County, so it was big,
14 and now we own Rankin County," Brendan Brown said; and

15 WHEREAS, the Championship is the first boys basketball title
16 in Northwest Rankin history. The "Cougars" jumped out to a 20-8
17 lead and cruised to a 14-point victory over their crosstown rival;
18 and



19 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Northwest Rankin High School "Cougars"
20 Boys Basketball Championship Team Roster: Brendan Brown, Evan
21 Walker, Javien Crump, Kaleb Hutchins, Jamarian Jenkins, Kamauri
22 Oscar, Kanare'yun Terell, Justin Smith, De'Shawn Dillion, Elijah
23 Smith, Ginorrian Banks, Jaylen Gaddis, Maddox Trigg, Kaleb
24 Boggans, Levionne Lindsey, Magnum Henderson, Isaiah Goree, Kole
25 Burleson, Cameron McFarland, Harley Cash Moore, Dominick Sanabria
26 and Landon Sisco; Head Coach Joshua Lockett and Assistant Coach
27 Rogerick Magee; and

28 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
29 of student athletes whose first-ever State Championship has
30 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
31 Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
34 Northwest Rankin High School "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team and
35 Head Coach Joshua Lockett for winning its first MHSAA 6A State
36 Championship in a highly anticipated "Battle for Rankin County,"
37 and extend to the players, coaches, parents and sponsors our best
38 wishes for future success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Head Coach Joshua Lockett and Northwest Rankin Principal Lewis
41 Bradford for the team, forwarded to the Rankin County Board of
42 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

