

By: Senator(s) Jackson, Simmons (12th),  
Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE COAHOMA COUNTY  
2 HIGH SCHOOL "RED PANTHERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH DERRICK  
3 MOORE FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, ITS FIFTH  
4 TITLE SINCE 2017.

5 WHEREAS, after narrowly missing out on a State Title last  
6 year, the Coahoma County High School "Red Panthers" raced past  
7 Region 3-2A rival Northside 67-34 to claim the MHSAA Boys Class 2A  
8 State Championship on March 3, 2023, at the Mississippi Coliseum;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, it is Coahoma County's (30-2) fifth State Title in  
11 the last seven seasons and the program's seventh State Title  
12 overall. The "Red Panthers" started the season 0-2 and ended the  
13 season on a 30-game winning streak; and

14 WHEREAS, "We've been tough," said Coahoma County Coach  
15 Derrick Moore. "It's sweet, because we had a chip on our  
16 shoulder. We had Delta pride, and the loss to Pine Grove last  
17 year made us hungry, so anything less of a championship was a bust  
18 this season"; and



19           WHEREAS, Coahoma County jumped out to a 21-7 lead at the end  
20 of the first quarter. They never looked back, which was  
21 highlighted by a 13-0 run to end the opening frame. The "Red  
22 Panthers" held a 29-13 lead at halftime. Coahoma County went on a  
23 9-0 run to end the third quarter, and held Northside to just four  
24 points to build a 42-17 lead headed to the fourth; and

25           WHEREAS, Cam'ron Bell had a game-high of 23 points to lead  
26 Coahoma County and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.  
27 Hershel Washington added 10 points for the "Red Panthers"; and

28           WHEREAS, the "Red Panthers" coasted through the postseason  
29 defeating their opponents by 16 points per game; and

30           WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 "Red Panthers" Roster: Demarjay  
31 Rucker, Harlem Bell, Cam'ron Bell, Kesean Maddox, Hershel  
32 Washington, Jeremy Qualls, Druterrium Magsby, Deandre Rucker,  
33 Jerasmus Eagins, Caleb Hearn, Zechariah Smith and Coach Derrick  
34 Moore; and

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

38           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
40 Coahoma County High School "Red Panthers" Boys Basketball Team and  
41 Coach Derrick Moore for winning the MHSAA Class 2A State  
42 Championship, its fifth title and extend the best wishes of the



43 Mississippi Senate to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for  
44 future success.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Coach Derrick Moore and Coahoma Principal Shun Readus for the  
47 team, forwarded to the Coahoma County Board of Education and made  
48 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

