

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BELMONT "LADY
2 CARDINALS" JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CHRIS
3 HIGGINBOTTOM FOR WINNING THE GIRLS INAUGURAL 2022-2023 MISSISSIPPI
4 MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, coaches, faculty and parents
6 of the Belmont Junior High School "Lady Cardinals" Basketball Team
7 in celebrating their first-ever State Championship at the
8 Inaugural 2022-2023 Mississippi Middle School Basketball
9 Invitational held at East Mississippi Community College on January
10 28, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, the "Lady Cardinals" postseason tournament play was
12 outstanding: Regional Round played at Itawamba Community College,
13 1st Round, Belmont defeated Pontotoc 44-26; 2nd Round Belmont
14 defeated Iuka 49-32; Super Regional played at Northeast
15 Mississippi Community College; 3rd Round, Belmont defeated Neshoba
16 County 49-19; 4th Round, Belmont defeated East Union 30-29; and
17 Championship played at East Mississippi Community College, Belmont
18 defeated St. Martin 56-22; and



19 WHEREAS, the 2022-23 Belmont "Lady Cardinals" Junior High
20 Basketball Championship roster: LaMaye Southward, Ava Colley,
21 Bella Holcomb, Brilei Dees, Dixie Holt, Lilly Sparks, Aubree
22 Scott, Carsen Bohannon, Brooklyn Dill, Karsyn Sullivan, Zoe
23 Newman, Stella Higginbottom, Alannah Storment, Brooke Smith and
24 Head Coach, Chris Higginbottom; and

25 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these young
26 Mississippi student-athletes who have brought honor to their
27 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
30 Belmont "Lady Cardinals" Junior High Girls Basketball Team and
31 Head Coach Chris Higginbottom for winning the Inaugural 2022-2023
32 Mississippi Middle School Basketball Invitational Championship and
33 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors the best wishes
34 of the Mississippi Senate for future success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
36 Head Coach Chris Higginbottom for the Team, Belmont Middle School
37 Principal Camille Stanfield, forwarded to the Tishomingo County
38 Board of Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

