

By: Representative Foster

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2023-2024
2 RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL RANGERS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH TONY
3 TADLOCK UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers Basketball Team and
6 Head Coach Tony Tadlock reign supreme after finishing the
7 2023-2024 season with an impressive 31-4 record, and capturing the
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A
9 State Basketball Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Rangers played with
11 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of fortitude, and
12 during the state championship game, their mental stamina and
13 athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they first hustled
14 onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted,
15 outplayed and ultimately overpowered McComb High School Tigers in
16 a 53-28 win; and

17 WHEREAS, the Rangers finished 10-0 in their district and
18 claimed the Regular Season District Title along with winning the
19 District Championship, and the Rangers also won the most games by



20 a public school in the State of Mississippi and have now played
21 for eight straight state championships and won five of them; and

22 WHEREAS, additionally, the Rangers won the Gulfport Holiday
23 Classic where they knocked off Princeton, Ohio, Olive Branch,
24 Mississippi, and in the championship, Windemere Prep, Florida all
25 during a 3-day span; and

26 WHEREAS, during the championship series, the Rangers avenged
27 an early season loss to the Choctaw Central Warriors in the
28 semifinals, defeating them 66-53, and in the championship game,
29 the Rangers relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and
30 strategic defensive moves to stop the opposing offense and
31 outmaneuver their defense, which ultimately allowed them to beat
32 McComb for the fourth time and bring the coveted Gold Ball Trophy
33 back to the Raymond High School trophy case; and

34 WHEREAS, the Rangers not only finished as the top team in
35 MHSAA Class 4A, but they also finished as the top team capturing
36 the number one ranking in the state in all polls, and this is the
37 second time in the last three seasons that the Raymond Rangers
38 have finished as the unanimous number one team in the state; and

39 WHEREAS, the Raymond High School Rangers are comprised of the
40 following talented athletes: seniors, Dyllen Buckner, Adonis
41 Dixon, Keymarius Lewis, Gekylenn Mosley, Eric Paymon, Chris
42 Stephens, Mekhi Strong, Demarion Terry and Kemonte Wright;
43 juniors, Jaydon Clark, Cameron Cornelius, Jaydn Garrett, Brandon
44 Jones, Willie Myles, Eli Robinson, Brandon Walker, Kaleb Williams



45 and Quitten Wright; sophomore, Tanari Stewart; and managers,
46 Rashad Kennedy, Amodra Moffett, Lance Mosley, Aavery Payne, Jayden
47 Singleton and Cailynn Williams; and

48 WHEREAS, the Rangers have been superbly coached and inspired
49 by Head Coach Tony Tadlock and Assistant Coaches Richard Caston,
50 Joyce Moore Dawson and Satoria McPhearson, who have broadened the
51 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
52 execution, and they continue to build upon the legacy of superior
53 play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted
54 spirit of each team member; and

55 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
56 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
57 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
58 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
59 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season,
60 throughout their lives as they are constantly flooded with the
61 feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
63 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
64 Raymond High School Rangers Basketball Team, and it is with great
65 pride that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes
66 and Head Coach Tony Tadlock, who have brought honor to Raymond
67 High School and to the great State of Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



70 commend and congratulate the 2023-2024 Raymond High School Rangers
71 Basketball Team and Head Coach Tony Tadlock upon winning the
72 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A State
73 Basketball Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and
74 coaches for continued success in all their future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Head Coach Tony Tadlock and to the members of the
77 Capitol Press Corps.

