

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2023-2024
2 TISHOMINGO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRAVES GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
3 UPON WINNING ITS FIRST MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Girls
6 Basketball Team reigned supreme after finishing the 2023-2024
7 season with an impressive 30-3 record, and capturing the
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A
9 State Basketball Championship, a historical first for the
10 basketball program; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Lady Braves played with
12 clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of strength, and
13 during the state championship game on Saturday, March 2, 2024,
14 their mental stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the
15 moment they first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer,
16 as they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered Morton
17 High School Lady Panthers, with a domineering 37-17 win; and

18 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the team relied
19 on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic defensive



20 moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their defense,
21 which ultimately allowed them to bring home their first golden
22 basketball, as evidenced by the dynamic contributions of Reese
23 Moore with a game-high of 14 points, who also earned MVP honors,
24 followed by her sister Meg Moore, netting an additional 11 points
25 for the Lady Braves; and

26 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Lady Braves kept
27 their focus and played one of their best games of the season, and
28 initially jumped out to a 4-2 lead during the first quarter, but
29 created some separation during the second quarter with a 15-2 run,
30 securing a commanding 19-6 lead over the Lady Panthers at
31 halftime; and

32 WHEREAS, in the return of the third quarter Morton hustled
33 out of the tunnel with a 7-0 run, trimming the Lady Braves' lead
34 to 19-13, before Tishomingo unleashed the tomahawk fury and
35 responded with a 10-0 run to close out the quarter 29-13, before
36 sealing the team's fate as eventual champions with a slow-paced
37 fourth quarter, limiting Morton to only four points in the final
38 eight minutes of game play; and

39 WHEREAS, the Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Girls
40 Basketball Team is comprised of the following talented athletes:
41 Maggie Young, Zareli Ozuna, Arlie Cummings, Mylie Downs, Abbi
42 Reed, Ava Reed, Kazli Timbes, Lexi Massengil, Claire Ray, Ella
43 Kinney, Baylon Middleton, Madelyn Long, Margaret Claire Riley,



44 Meg Moore, Reese Moore, Chloe Glidewell, Kalei Cummings and
45 Britney Mock; team managers, Luke Middleton, Ashlyn Butler, Emalyn
46 Ruple and Bethany Martin; and statistician, Mikey Shea; and

47 WHEREAS, the Lady Braves have been superbly coached and
48 inspired by Head Coach Brian Middleton, and Assistant Coaches,
49 Cory Glidewell, Tannissa Jeffries and Sara Berryman, who have
50 broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their
51 skills in execution and embarking upon building a legacy of
52 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and
53 undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in their
54 ability to produce high caliber players, plays and undoubtedly, by
55 the team's successful season; and

56 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
57 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
58 status, as well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and
59 perseverance learned during this amazing season, throughout their
60 lives as they are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness
61 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 Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Girls Basketball Team,
65 and it is with great pride that we congratulate this elite group
66 of student-athletes and Head Coach Brian Middleton, who have
67 brought honor to their school, community and to the great State of
68 Mississippi:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
71 commend and congratulate the 2023-2024 Tishomingo County High
72 School Lady Braves Girls Basketball Team upon winning its first
73 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A
74 State Basketball Championship, and extend best wishes for
75 continued success in all their future endeavors.

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

