

By: Representative Harness

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE PORT GIBSON HIGH  
2 SCHOOL "BLUE WAVES" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH HULON C.  
3 NEWSOME FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2023-2024 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys  
5 Basketball Team completed an excellent 2023-2024 season as Region  
6 7 District 3A champions for the second year in a row, and were one  
7 of the "Final Four" teams of the 2023-2024 Mississippi High School  
8 Activities Association (MHSAA) Basketball Championship, a truly  
9 impressive achievement; and

10 WHEREAS, as a notable mention, in the 2022-2023 season, the  
11 Blue Waves were Region 7 District 3A champions, with a record of  
12 26-6, and also went to the third round of the playoffs, which is  
13 the "Elite 8" quarterfinals of the state championship; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 2023-2024 season, though the Blue Waves  
15 experienced set-backs due to two senior star players that were not  
16 able to play, the other team members stepped up and had a  
17 remarkable season with a record of 20-10, and as the Blue Waves  
18 once again celebrated being district champions, ranked No. 1 in



19 Region 7 District 3A for the second year in a row, with a 9-1  
20 record in the district, and ranked No. 3 in the state, the team  
21 made it to the "Final Four" at the Mississippi Coliseum in  
22 Jackson, Mississippi, but unfortunately came up short of the  
23 championship; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout the 2023-2024 season, the Blue Waves  
25 played with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of  
26 fortitude, and during each game played, their mental stamina and  
27 athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they first hustled  
28 onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed; and

29 WHEREAS, the Blue Waves relied on their swift feet, accurate  
30 shooting and strategic defensive moves to stop each opposing  
31 offense and outmaneuver each defense, which ultimately allowed the  
32 Blue Waves to have an excellent season; and

33 WHEREAS, the Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys  
34 Basketball Team is comprised of talented student-athletes who have  
35 been superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Hulon C. Newsome,  
36 who has broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined  
37 their skills in execution, and he continues to build upon the  
38 legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the  
39 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, and for his  
40 exceptional efforts, he was named coach of the year for the  
41 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 seasons; and

42 WHEREAS, the members of the Blue Waves team will carry the  
43 unforgettable memories they made along their way to having a



44 phenomenal season, whether it be the long hours or the grueling  
45 practices, as well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and  
46 perseverance learned during this amazing season, throughout their  
47 lives as they are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness  
48 that accompanies having an extraordinary season; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
50 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the  
51 Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team, and it  
52 is with great pride that we congratulate this elite group of  
53 student-athletes and Head Coach Newsome, who have brought honor to  
54 Port Gibson High School and to the State of Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
57 commend and congratulate the Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves"  
58 Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Hulon C. Newsome for their  
59 outstanding 2023-2024 season, and extend best wishes to the team  
60 and coach for continued success in all their future endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
62 furnished to Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball  
63 Team, Head Coach Hulon C. Newsome, and to the members of the  
64 Capitol Press Corps.

