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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE JACKSON STATE
 2 UNIVERSITY TIGERS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024
 3 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Jackson State University Tigers Women's
 5 Basketball Team reigned supreme, as they raced past Alcorn State
 6 University to claim the 2024 Southwestern Athletic Conference
 7 (SWAC) Women's Basketball Championship, a truly outstanding
 8 accomplishment; and

9 WHEREAS, the Tigers have been the premier team of the SWAC
 10 for nearly six seasons, and in six years, they have won three SWAC
 11 tournament titles, five consecutive SWAC Regular Season Titles,
 12 the most consecutive regular season championships in SWAC women's
 13 basketball history, and three berths to the NCAA Tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, during the championship, the Tigers' mental stamina
 15 and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they first
 16 hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed, as they
 17 outlasted, and ultimately outplayed Alcorn, and to claim this
 18 illustrious victory, the team relied on their swift feet, accurate



19 shooting and strategic moves, which ultimately allowed them to
20 bring the coveted championship title home to Jackson State; and

21 WHEREAS, this season, Jackson State led the #1 defense and #3
22 offense in the conference, while going undefeated against all SWAC
23 opponents, and have continued to defend its home court after
24 opening the season 2-0 at home to keep up with its 51-game home
25 winning streak; and

26 WHEREAS, electric in her return to the court after suffering
27 an injury setback last season, Miya Crump played in 26 games for
28 JSU thus far and started in all 26, and she registered 11
29 consecutive double figure scoring games for a total of 19 on the
30 season, which included three double-doubles; and

31 WHEREAS, closing out her collegiate career having scored
32 1,394 career points, Ms. Crump made a statement in her hometown
33 against Texas Southern, dropping 23 points and 10 rebounds in the
34 matchup, and she averaged 11.7 points this season and 6.1
35 rebounds, and shot 43.2 percent from the field and 69.6 percent
36 from the free throw line, and she has a total of 303 points, 159
37 rebounds, 4L steals, 34 assists and seven blocks on the season;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, a force in her fourth year with Jackson State, as
40 she has appeared in 25 games for the Tigers this season, Ti'lan
41 Boler lead the team in scoring with 333 points on the season, and
42 she posted a season high of 20 points against Oregon State and
43 Southern, and averaged 11.04 points and 3.7 rebounds per game; and



44 WHEREAS, Ms. Boler notched 16 double figure scoring games
45 this season for JSU, and shot 37.5 percent from the field and 77.1
46 percent from the free throw line this season, and she has a total
47 of 276 points, 92 rebounds, 21 assists and 19 steals on the
48 season; and

49 WHEREAS, in her first year with the JSU women's basketball
50 team, Andriana Avent had 14 double figure scoring games for the
51 Tigers including a season high of 20 points at UAPB, and she
52 averaged 11.7 points and 2.9 rebounds per game and shot 33.0
53 percent from deep and made 36 three-point shots; and

54 WHEREAS, rounding her career with 1,060 career points, Ms.
55 Avent totals 198 points, 48 rebounds and 15 steals on the season,
56 and she was ecstatic for Jackson State off the bench, and was
57 named the 2024 SWAC Tournament MVP; and

58 WHEREAS, the Tigers have been superbly coached and
59 tremendously inspired by Head Coach Tomekia Reed, who has
60 broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their
61 skills in execution; and

62 WHEREAS, Coach Reed continues to build upon the legacy of
63 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and
64 undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in her ability
65 to produce high caliber players and plays, and by the team's
66 successful season; and

67 WHEREAS, for her outstanding efforts, Coach Reed was named
68 SWAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time (three consecutive) in



69 her career, and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year three
70 times; and

71 WHEREAS, the members of this team will surely carry the
72 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
73 status, whether it be the long hours of grueling practices, as
74 well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and perseverance
75 learned during this amazing season, throughout their lives as they
76 are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
77 accompanies being a champion; and

78 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
79 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
80 Tigers, and it is with great pride that we congratulate this elite
81 group of student-athletes who have brought honor to Jackson State
82 University and to the State of Mississippi:

83 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
84 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
85 commend and congratulate the Jackson State University Tigers
86 Women's Basketball Team upon winning the 2024 Southwestern
87 Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's Basketball Championship, and
88 extend best wishes for continued success in all their future
89 endeavors.

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
91 furnished to Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball
92 Team, Head Coach Tomekia Reed, and to the members of the Capitol
93 Press Corps.

