

By: Representative Yates

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 138

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE JACKSON ACADEMY
2 "RAIDERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MIDSOUTH
3 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLASS 6A BASKETBALL STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team
6 reigned victorious against Jackson Prep at the Midsouth
7 Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Class 6A Boys Basketball
8 State Championship, a truly outstanding achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, the Raiders finished up this season with an
10 impressive record of 36-1, and 10-0 in conference play, and during
11 the championship, the team's mental stamina and athletic prowess
12 never wavered from the moment they first hustled onto the court
13 until the final buzzer buzzed, as they outlasted, and ultimately
14 outplayed Jackson Prep, 54-53; and

15 WHEREAS, to claim this illustrious victory, the Raiders
16 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic moves,
17 which ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted championship
18 title home to Jackson Academy; and



19 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the MAIS 6A State
20 Championship, the Raiders also claimed the MAIS Overall
21 Championship by defeating Madison Ridgeland Academy, the team's
22 fifth Overall Championship in school history; and

23 WHEREAS, the Raiders are comprised of the following talented
24 student-athletes: D.J. Washington, Mike Williams, C.J. Banks,
25 Caleb Gaitor, Fisher Waldrop, T.J. White, Marcus Goodloe, Schyler
26 Chambers, Caleb Levy, Brister Robertson, Mason Williams, Kendell
27 Davis, Carter Mathison, Josh Brown, Tyler Lyles, Parker Halford,
28 Crew Hassell, Preston Taylor, Riley Edwards and Caden Moss; and

29 WHEREAS, the Raiders have been superbly coached and
30 tremendously inspired by Head Coach Jesse Taylor and Assistant
31 Coaches Andre Stringer and Danny Robertson, who have broadened the
32 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
33 execution; and

34 WHEREAS, Head Coach Taylor, Assistant Coaches Stringer and
35 Robertson, and Athletic Director Brandt Walker continue to build
36 upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by
37 the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as
38 evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber players and
39 plays, and by the team's successful season; and

40 WHEREAS, the members of this team will surely carry the
41 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
42 status, whether it be the long hours of grueling practices, as
43 well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and perseverance



44 learned during this amazing season, throughout their lives as they
45 are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
46 accompanies being a champion; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
49 Raiders, and it is with great pride that we congratulate this
50 elite group of student-athletes who have brought honor to Jackson
51 Academy and to the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 recognize and commend the Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys
55 Basketball Team for winning the MAIS Class 6A Boys Basketball
56 State Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success
57 in all their future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to the Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team,
60 Head Coach Jesse Taylor, and to the members of the Capitol Press
61 Corps.

