

By: Senator(s) Michel, Chassaniol, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON
2 ACADEMY "RAIDERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH JESSE TAYLOR
3 FOR WINNING THE 2024 MAIS CLASS 6A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
4 AND WINNING THE 2024 MAIS OVERALL TOURNAMENT, THE "RAIDERS" FIRST
5 OVERALL TITLE SINCE 2006.

6 WHEREAS, we join the players, coaches, administration and
7 parents of the 2023-2024 Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball
8 Team and Head Coach Jesse Taylor in celebrating the one-loss
9 Regular Season with a State Championship in the MAIS Overall
10 Tournament; and

11 WHEREAS, the Jackson Academy "Raiders" (36-1) won the MAIS
12 Overall Tournament at A.E. Wood Coliseum (70-59) on February 28,
13 2024, against Madison-Ridgeland Academy (31-5). It was the
14 "Raiders" first overall title since 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, "We have got great players and a great coaching
16 staff," said Mike Williams, who scored a game high of 23 points in
17 the Championship Game. "That's the thing to a great team, is a
18 great coaching staff"; and



19 WHEREAS, in the regular season finale, Mike Williams led No.
20 1 Jackson Academy (32-1) to its first MAIS 6A State Championship
21 with a (54-53) win over No. 3 Jackson Prep (23-11) at
22 Madison-Ridgeland Academy High School. The "Raiders" won a 3A
23 Title in 2014. The final possession of the game was in the hands
24 of Jackson Prep. Jackson Prep had a chance to win the game with
25 the last shot. A double team at the top of the key led to a bad
26 pass, and Mike Williams came up with a steal and ran out the game
27 clock; and

28 WHEREAS, the Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team
29 Championship Roster is: D.J. Washington, guard; Mike Williams,
30 guard; C.J. Banks, guard; Caleb Gaitor, guard; Fisher Waldrop,
31 guard; T.J. White, guard/forward; Marcus Goodloe, guard; Schyler
32 Chambers, guard; Caleb Levy, guard; Brister Robertson, guard;
33 Mason Williams, guard; Kendell Davis, forward; Carter Mathison,
34 guard; Josh Brown, guard; Tyler Lyles, forward; Parker Halford,
35 forward; Crew Hassell, guard; Preston Taylor, guard; Riley
36 Edwards, guard; and Caden Moss, forward; Head Coach Jesse Taylor;
37 and Assistant Coaches Danny Robertson and Andre Stringer; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
39 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
40 community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
43 Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach



44 Jesse Taylor for winning the 2024 MAIS Class 6A Boys Basketball
45 Championship and winning the 2024 MAIS Overall Tournament, the
46 "Raiders" first overall title since 2006, and extend to the team,
47 coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future academic
48 and athletic success.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 Coach Jesse Taylor and Jackson Academy Headmaster W. Palmer
51 Kennedy for the team, forwarded to the Jackson Academy Board of
52 Trustees, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

