

By: Senator(s) Hickman, Tate, Frazier,  
McCaughn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MERIDIAN HIGH  
2 SCHOOL "WILDCATS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH RONALD  
3 NORMAN FOR WINNING THE FIRST MHSAA 7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Meridian High School "Wildcats" Boys Basketball  
5 Team (24-9) won the MHSAA 7A State Championship with a 54-50 win  
6 over Clinton (23-7) at the Mississippi Coliseum on March 2, 2024,  
7 and MHSAA's first 7A Boys title after the new classification was  
8 added at the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

9 WHEREAS, "I honestly wanted this so bad for our players,"  
10 Coach Ronald Norman (whose team won the State Championship in  
11 2017) said. "...For me, this is just like the first time. But  
12 I'm gonna enjoy every moment that I can and every opportunity that  
13 I get to come back"; and

14 WHEREAS, Meridian led during every minute of the championship  
15 game until a jump shot by Clinton that gave the Arrows a 43-42  
16 advantage. Norman said there was one player to keep his team  
17 level-headed in the final minutes - Javion Yarbrough; and



18 WHEREAS, this particular Meridian team has a saying, "Family  
19 on three, 'Wildcats' on six, gold ball on nine." The creators  
20 were Yarbrough and the teammates he grew up playing with in search  
21 of winning a state title; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2023-24 Championship "Wildcats" roster is:  
23 Amarie Carter, Jordan Jones, Jordan Harbour, DJ Johnson, Tony  
24 Dunnigan, Jontae Richey, JR Yarbrough, Adrian Davis, Joe Horne,  
25 William Hodges, Terran Westerfield, Demonta Powe, William  
26 Davidson, Deontae Hopper, Mequin Curry, Josh Randolph, Lakahan  
27 Brookins, Josh Jones and Head Coach Ronald Norman; and

28 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these  
29 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
30 community and to the State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
33 Meridian High School "Wildcats" Boys Basketball Team and Head  
34 Coach Ronald Norman for winning the first MHSAA 7A State  
35 Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and  
36 sponsors our best wishes for future success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
38 Coach Ronald Norman, Meridian High School Principal Angela  
39 McQuarley, and Athletic Director Dr. Cheyenne Trussell and  
40 forwarded to the Meridian School Board and made available to the  
41 Capitol Press Corps.

