

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.

