

By: Senator(s) Rhodes, Kirby, Harkins,
McCaughn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE EAST RANKIN
2 ACADEMY "LADY PATRIOTS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH BROOKE
3 RHODES FOR WINNING THE 2024 MAIS OVERALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, fourteen years ago to the day Brooke Rhodes
5 celebrated an overall tournament state championship as an East
6 Rankin Academy basketball player, she celebrated again as an East
7 Rankin Academy coach on February 29, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, the East Rankin Academy (39-8) "Lady Patriots" from
9 MAIS Class 5A, won the MAIS Overall tournament 41-39 over 2023
10 overall champion Madison-Ridgeland Academy (37-4); and

11 WHEREAS, "This is so much more special winning as a coach,"
12 Rhodes said. "These players are awesome. They deserve this, and
13 so it's been really fun to watch them grow up this year, and to
14 win overall is awesome"; and

15 WHEREAS, breaking a 14-year streak came down to one
16 possession. Rhodes drew up a play for a must-score. Tied 39-39,
17 senior Addison Brown took the game into her hands. With a spin
18 move at the top of the key and a dribble drive to pass two



19 defenders to the basket, Brown shot a layup off the glass and it
20 dropped in. "All I knew was we had to score to win," said Brown
21 who had a team-high 12 points. "She (Rhodes) told us that we're
22 looking for a lineup. If we didn't have one to call a timeout,
23 and I saw the lane and went to work"; and

24 WHEREAS, East Rankin hustling back on defense and a missed
25 shot by MRA meant pandemonium. East Rankin, who lost the MAIS 5A
26 State Championship to Rossville Christian Academy, rallied to win
27 four games in the overall tournament and finish the year as the
28 best girls team in MAIS; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2024 East Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots"
30 Basketball Championship Team: Addison Brown, Presley Thompson,
31 Holly Jackson, Hannah Jackson, Addison Derrick, Ansley Miller, Liz
32 Stevens, Elizabeth Thrash, Hayden Faulkner, Krissi Joe Simmons,
33 Brynlee Davis and Audrey Brown; Head Coach Brooke Rhodes; and
34 Assistant Coaches Keith Rhodes and Austin Banes; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the East
40 Rankin Academy "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team and Coach
41 Brooke Rhodes for winning the 2024 MAIS overall tournament
42 championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and
43 sponsors our best wishes for future success.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to
45 Head Coach Brooke Rhodes and East Rankin Academy Head of School
46 Robyn Winstead for the team, forwarded to the East Rankin Academy
47 Board of Trustees and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

