

By: Representative Bounds

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2024-2025 CHOCTAW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LADY WARRIORS BASKETBALL
3 TEAM AND HEAD COACH ELYSE WILLIS UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH
4 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 4A BASKETBALL
5 CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the Choctaw Central High School
7 Lady Warriors Basketball Team defeated the Morton High School Lady
8 Panthers in the Mississippi High School Activities Association
9 (MHSAA) Class 4A Basketball Championship, incredibly bringing home
10 to Choctaw Central the team's ninth championship trophy and first
11 state title since 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, the championship game, played at the Mississippi
13 Coliseum in Jackson, proved the Choctaw Central team to be the
14 true victor, with the Lady Warriors rolling from start to finish,
15 continuing its habit of sweeping their opponents off the court,
16 with 18 matchups won by 21 or more points this season; and

17 WHEREAS, with the lead changing seven times and the score
18 being tied once, the state contest was quite a nailbiter that left
19 fans sitting on the edge of their seats until Choctaw Central



ultimately secured the team's nineteenth consecutive win when it clinched a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter; and

WHEREAS, while both teams showcased exemplary skill and determination on the hardwood, the 30-2 Lady Warriors, on the smaller side as a team, drilled down on defense, and with the ladies' mental stamina and fortitude on both sides of the ball never wavering for a moment, they outlasted and overpowered their opponent in the championship with a 52-31 victory in just 32 minutes; and

WHEREAS, several players on the Lady Warriors squad performed exceptionally well in the championship, with sisters Raiyleigh Perry scoring 12 points with seven rebounds and Kailynn Perry, who was named Most Valuable Player for the game, scoring 12 points with six rebounds, along with Yazzlyn Alex scoring nine points with six rebounds; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Central Lady Warriors' phenomenal success, particularly winning by an average of 28.3 points over their 19-game winning streak, can be chalked up to the remarkable commitment and hard work of all of its talented student-athletes, including Yuriana Crosby, Jazmyn Bohannon, Raiyleigh Perry, Ansley Ben, A'Yaan Cotton, Roslyn Bohannon, Karidee Willis, Tia John, Neliah Bell, Zyanna Thomas, Hailey Jefferson, Yazzlyn Alex, Reannan Thomas, Brecailyn Billy, and Kailynn Perry, and team managers Caslyn Williams, Dacey Jefferson, and Emilayton Jim; and



44 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors have been superbly coached and
45 inspired by second-year Head Coach Elyse Willis, who spent 14
46 years as an assistant coach at Choctaw Central, and Assistant
47 Coach Renate Ben, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the
48 game and refined their skills in execution, and they continue to
49 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
50 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member;
51 and

52 WHEREAS, the state championship win marks the first as a head
53 coach for Elyse Willis, who attributes much of the Lady Warriors'
54 outstanding playing to the support and encouragement delivered by
55 the school administration, the team's loyal fanbase, and
56 particularly, the Tribal community at each and every challenging
57 game, whether on the home court or away; and

58 WHEREAS, the members of this team will forever carry the
59 unforgettable memories they made along the way to their
60 hard-earned championship status, whether it be the long hours of
61 grueling practices or just spending time off the court together,
62 as well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and perseverance
63 learned during this amazing season; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
65 and commend excellence such as that displayed by the Choctaw
66 Central Lady Warriors Basketball Team, and it is with great pride
67 that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes and
68 Coach Elyse Willis, who have brought honor to Choctaw Central High



69 School, their families and community, and to the entire State of
70 Mississippi:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
73 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2024-2025
74 Choctaw Central High School Lady Warriors Basketball Team and
75 Coach Elyse Willis upon winning the Mississippi High School
76 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A Basketball Championship
77 and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for continued
78 success in all their future endeavors.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
80 furnished to Choctaw Central High School, Coach Elyse Willis and
81 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

