

By: Representatives McLean, Boyd (37th),
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS
2 CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LADY RAMS ON WINNING THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI
3 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLASS 2A GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Columbus Christian Academy Lady Rams reign
6 supreme as the 2025 Mississippi Association of Independent Schools
7 (MAIS) Class 2A State basketball champions; and

8 WHEREAS, this illustrious title is even more sweet because
9 these fierce Lady Rams also won the 2023 MAIS Class 2A
10 championship title, were the 2024 undefeated conference champions
11 and the 2024 runner-up state champions; and

12 WHEREAS, what's even more spectacular is the fact that the
13 Lady Rams have also captured the 2025 Class 2A North State
14 championship, the 2025 Class 2A district championship, and are
15 2025 undefeated champions; and

16 WHEREAS, with over 100 career wins over the past four
17 seasons, this team has been superbly coached by Head Coach Billy
18 Thomas and Assistant Coach Todd Bengé; and



19 WHEREAS, this dynamic team includes a number of players that
20 have distinguished themselves with individual accomplishments; and

21 WHEREAS, Satavia Watkins is a senior who has earned 1500
22 career points, made all conference for three years, was the 2025
23 District Offensive MVP, played in the 2025 North State All
24 Tournament, and played for the 2025 State All Tournament team, and
25 the 2025 All Star team; and

26 WHEREAS, Carrie Kinard is an outstanding junior who has
27 amassed 1000 career points, made All Conference four years, was
28 selected the 2025 Conference Defensive MVP, played in the 2025
29 North State All Tournament team and the 2025 State All Tournament
30 team; and

31 WHEREAS, Ada Farlow is an impressive Senior with 1000 career
32 points, who has made All Conference for three years, was selected
33 as the 2024 Conference MVP, the 2025 Conference MVP and the 2025
34 North State MVP, played in the 2025 North State All Tournament,
35 and played for the 2025 State All Tournament team and the 2025
36 All Star team; and

37 WHEREAS, Presley Andrews is an amazing Senior who has been
38 voted All Conference for the second year in a row, was selected to
39 play in the 2025 North State All Tournament, and play for the 2025
40 State All Tournament team; and

41 WHEREAS, Olivia Cantrell is an extraordinary Junior, who is
42 also an All Conference 2025 player, and played in the 2025 North
43 State All Tournament; and



44 WHEREAS, other stellar members of this championship team
45 include seniors: Cassie Carter and Avery Johnston; juniors:
46 Audrey Glover and Kaitlyn McCoy; freshmen: Anna Beth Thomas and
47 Lanie Jones, 8th grader Starr Easterwood and Manager Isabella
48 Denton, all of whom have been a tremendous support to the team
49 throughout the season; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
51 recognize and commend the excellence of student-athletes,
52 especially the caliber of talent displayed by the Lady Rams:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 commend and congratulate the Columbus Christian Academy Lady Rams,
56 their Head Coach Billy Thomas and Assistant Coach Todd Bengé upon
57 winning the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Class
58 2A Girls State Basketball championship.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Head Coach Billy Thomas, Assistant Coach Todd Bengé
61 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

