

By: Representative Foster

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025
2 CENTRAL HINDS ACADEMY LADY COUGARS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES
3 HENRY GANTZ AND SHELBY GANTZ UPON WINNING THE MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION
4 OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLASS AAAA STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Central Hinds Academy Lady Cougars Basketball
6 Team reigned supreme after finishing the 2024-2025 season with an
7 impressive record, and capturing the Midsouth Association of
8 Independent Schools (MAIS) Class AAAA State Basketball
9 Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Lady Cougars played
11 with clear eyes, full hearts and unimaginable amounts of
12 fortitude, and during the state championship game, their mental
13 stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they
14 first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed, as
15 they outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered their
16 opponent; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the MAIS Class AAAA State
18 Championship, the Lady Cougars also won the District AAAA
19 Championship and the South State AAAA Championship; and



20 WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Lady Cougars
21 relied on their swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic
22 defensive moves to stop the opposing offense and outmaneuver their
23 defense, which allowed them to bring the coveted Gold Ball Trophy
24 back to the Central Hinds Academy trophy case; and

25 WHEREAS, the Central Hinds Academy Lady Cougars are comprised
26 of the following talented athletes: Stella Havard, Kathryn
27 Strong, Emily Ray Mason, Jaci Bland, Kayla Houston, Amiyah Taylor,
28 Maddie Shaw, Ramsee Evans, Paylin Maw, Ollie Grace McLendon,
29 Scarlett Rodgers, Amory Grzanich, Kannon Cowart and Katherine
30 Fowler; and

31 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars have been superbly coached and
32 inspired by Coaches Henry Gantz and Shelby Gantz, who have
33 broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their
34 skills in execution, and they continue to build upon the legacy of
35 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and
36 undaunted spirit of each team member; and

37 WHEREAS, the members of this team will carry the
38 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
39 status, whether it be the long hours in the weight room or the
40 grueling practices, as well as the lessons of hard work,
41 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season,
42 throughout their lives as they are constantly flooded with the
43 feeling of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and



44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
45 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
46 Central Hinds Academy Lady Cougars Basketball Team, and it is with
47 great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
48 student-athletes and Coaches Henry Gantz and Shelby Gantz, who
49 have brought honor to Central Hinds Academy and to the great State
50 of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
53 commend and congratulate the 2024-2025 Central Hinds Academy Lady
54 Cougars Basketball Team and Coaches Henry Gantz and Shelby Gantz
55 upon winning the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools
56 (MAIS) Class AAAA State Basketball Championship, and extend best
57 wishes to the team and coaches for continued success in all their
58 future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Coaches Henry Gantz and Shelby Gantz and to the
61 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

