To: Rules

By: Representative Creekmore IV

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025 INGOMAR ATTENDANCE CENTER LADY FALCONS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- 5 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons
- 6 Basketball Team reigned supreme at the Mississippi High School
- 7 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 2A State Championship,
- 8 claiming the program's third consecutive state title; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, fans crowded the Mississippi
- 10 Coliseum to watch the Lady Falcons showcase their exemplary skill
- 11 and determination on the hardwood, and the team's outstanding
- 12 performance did not disappoint as they clinched the championship
- 13 title in a stunning 58-28 victory over the East Union Attendance
- 14 Center Lady Urchins; and
- 15 WHEREAS, following the tip-off, the Lady Falcons came out
- 16 swinging with a 10-1 lead to begin the game, and they relied on
- 17 their swift feet, strategic maneuvering, and athletic prowess to
- 18 outlast and outplay their opponent, sometimes leading the

- 19 scoreboard by as many as 33 points and finishing strong with an
- 20 11-1 run in the fourth quarter; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Bookkeeper Melissa Reed kept a watchful eye on the
- 22 game, diligently tallying every point, free throw, turnover, and
- 23 foul from the moment the game clock began to run until the final
- 24 buzzer buzzed; and
- 25 WHEREAS, the team has made a habit of sweeping their
- 26 opponents off the court, winning 26 of their matchups by 20 points
- 27 or more this season and pulling down at least eight offensive
- 28 boards in ten consecutive games; and
- 29 WHEREAS, Cadie Jo Byrd, a multitalented athlete who has
- 30 signed with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to join their
- 31 volleyball team, dominated the game with over 20 points and was
- 32 deservedly named the State Championship MVP; and
- 33 WHEREAS, MHSAA Class 2A Miss Basketball and Mississippi
- 34 Gatorade Player of the Year Macie Phifer also gave an exceptional
- 35 performance during the championship game, and though she will move
- 36 on to play with the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders after
- 37 graduation, she will remain in the Lady Falcon record books as the
- 38 leading scorer in program history with more than 2,500 points
- 39 scored over her career; and
- 40 WHEREAS, the Lady Falcons' ascent to the pinnacle of
- 41 basketball excellence has been made manifest through the tenacious
- 42 efforts of the team's athletes: Issie Riddle, Lexi McClarty,
- 43 Daylen Grisham, Tyrani Jones, Rivers Ashley, Kaitlyn Turner, Carys

- 44 Ball, Macie Phifer, Ella Hart Wilbanks, Bella Phifer, Makynlee
- 45 Dillard, Cadie Jo Byrd, Mallory Mathews, Baylee Glasson, Peyton
- 46 Wray, Marissa Bell, Miley Roberts, Maggie Nance, Rachel Weeden,
- 47 and Addi Morgan Mayo; and
- 48 WHEREAS, the Lady Falcons have been superbly coached and
- 49 inspired by Head Coach Trent Adair, Assistant Coach Katherine
- 50 Downing, Strength and Conditioning/Trainer Jeremy Dorrough, and
- 51 Volunteer Coach Laura Hogue, who have broadened the team's
- 52 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution,
- 53 leading the Lady Falcons to their fourth state title in the last
- 54 five seasons; and
- 55 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Lady Falcons have
- 56 built a basketball dynasty that has amassed 14 state championship
- 57 titles for their school, demonstrating their ability through
- 58 perseverance, leadership, and hard work to live up to the
- 59 tradition recognized throughout the State of Mississippi that
- 60 personifies Union County basketball; and
- 61 WHEREAS, the members of this distinguished team will surely
- 62 treasure the memories they have made throughout their incredible
- 63 32-2 season, constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
- 64 accompanies being a champion as they look with pride upon their
- 65 banner hanging in the Ingomar gym; and
- WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
- 67 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
- 68 Lady Falcons, and it is with great pride that we congratulate this

- 69 elite group of student-athletes who have brought honor to Ingomar
- 70 Attendance Center and to the State of Mississippi:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
- 73 commend and congratulate the 2024-2025 Ingomar Attendance Center
- 74 Lady Falcons Basketball Team upon winning the Mississippi High
- 75 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 2A State Championship,
- 76 and extend best wishes to the team for continued success in all
- 77 their future endeavors.
- 78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 79 furnished to the Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball
- 80 Team and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.