

By: Representative Powell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025
2 JACKSON PREP PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MIDSOUTH
3 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (MAIS) OVERALL STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Jackson Prep Patriots Basketball Team
6 reigned supreme at the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools
7 (MAIS) Overall State Championship, claiming their third overall
8 state championship title in the last four years; and

9 WHEREAS, after beating Heritage Academy 64-53 in the first
10 round of the tournament and scoring 79-41 against Hillcrest
11 Christian in the quarterfinal game, the Patriots secured their
12 place in the final championship match with a 51-45 victory against
13 Hartfield Academy in the semifinals; and

14 WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025, fans crowded the A.E. Wood
15 Coliseum to watch as the Patriots battled against last year's
16 overall championship winner, the Jackson Academy Raiders, in the
17 most suspenseful game of the season; and

18 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep's storied history with their opponent
19 lit a fire under the team, as they were narrowly defeated in last



20 year's MAIS Class 6A State Championship after the Raiders managed
21 to steal possession and score the winning shot with only 27
22 seconds left to play; and

23 WHEREAS, never wavering in their determination and mental
24 stamina, the Patriots relied on their swift feet, strategic
25 maneuvering, and athletic prowess to outlast and outplay the
26 Raiders, successfully clinching the championship title in an
27 impressive 53-51 victory; and

28 WHEREAS, several players on the Jackson Prep squad performed
29 exceptionally well in the championship, with senior guard Ben
30 Segrest leading the team with 19 points and John Ed Maddux adding
31 another 14 points and 12 rebounds, recording a double-double for
32 the Patriots; and

33 WHEREAS, the Patriots' ascent to the pinnacle of basketball
34 excellence has been made manifest through the tenacious efforts of
35 the team's athletes: Ejay Napier, EJ Vaughn, Miles Burkhalter,
36 William Thornton, De'Marion Tyler, Asher Reynolds, Cray Lockett,
37 Thomas Coco, Joseph Chaney, Kevin Roberts, Cole Allen, John Ed
38 Maddux, and Ben Segrest; and

39 WHEREAS, the team has been superbly coached and inspired by
40 Head Coach Zach Allison and Assistant Coaches Josh Glidewell and
41 Will Johnson, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the
42 game and refined their skills in execution, leading the Patriots
43 to their 17th overall championship title; and



44 WHEREAS, the members of this distinguished team will surely
45 treasure the memories they have made throughout their incredible
46 28-6 season, constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
47 accompanies being a champion as they look with pride upon their
48 banner hanging in the Jackson Prep gym; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
50 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
51 Jackson Prep Patriots Basketball Team, and it is with great pride
52 that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes who have
53 brought honor to their school, their community, and the State of
54 Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
57 commend and congratulate the 2024-2025 Jackson Prep Patriots
58 Basketball Team upon winning the Midsouth Association of
59 Independent Schools (MAIS) Overall State Championship, and extend
60 best wishes to the team for continued success in all their future
61 endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to the Jackson Prep Patriots Basketball Team and to the
64 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

