

By: Representative Powell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025
2 JACKSON PREP LADY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (MAIS) CLASS 6A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Jackson Prep Lady Patriots Basketball
6 Team reigned supreme at the Midsouth Association of Independent
7 Schools (MAIS) Class 6A State Championship, successfully defending
8 their 2023-2024 state title and claiming their 10th overall; and

9 WHEREAS, the championship game proved to be a nail biter,
10 keeping fans on the edge of their seats as the second quarter
11 closed with a tied score before Presbyterian Christian School
12 gained a 22-19 lead at the end of the third quarter; and

13 WHEREAS, rallied by the support of their fans and their
14 coaches, the Lady Patriots never waived in determination and
15 mental stamina, and with only six minutes left on the game clock,
16 the team gained the lead with a mid-range jump shot from Claire
17 Crosby quickly followed by a 3-pointer from junior forward Meg
18 Barbour; and



19 WHEREAS, the team used this surge of momentum to stage an
20 outstanding comeback, ultimately outscoring their opponents 18-7
21 in the final quarter and clinching the championship title in a 37-
22 29 victory over the Lady Bobcats; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout the year, the Lady Patriots relied on
24 their swift feet, strategic maneuvering, and athletic prowess to
25 outlast and outplay their opponents, closing the season with an
26 impressive 26-7 overall record as they claimed the program's third
27 state championship title in the past four seasons; and

28 WHEREAS, the key to this dynamic team's success has been the
29 amazing team spirit and hours of diligent practice put in by
30 athletes: Abby Duncan, Ann Elise Walker, Ann Magee Stradinger,
31 Meg Barbour, Cate Bailey, Grayson Garriga, Taylor Caton, Lella
32 Rutledge, Claire Crosby, Maggie Bailey, Caroline Cross, Grace
33 Watkins, Aubrey Bailey, Torrey Polk, Morgan Grimes, Reese Russ,
34 Lily Grubbs, and Bella Vance Dallas, with the support of the
35 team's managers: Meredith Kalahar and Emily Head; and

36 WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots have been superbly coached and
37 inspired by Head Coach Michael McAnally, Assistant Coaches Keavy
38 Noblin and Allie Gordon, Athletic Trainer Nick Ramsay, Sports
39 Performance Trainer Rusty Burke, and Athletic Director Will
40 Crosby, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the game and
41 refined their skills in execution, leading the Lady Patriots to
42 their fourth state title in the last six years; and



43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
45 Jackson Prep Lady Patriots Basketball Team, and it is with great
46 pride that we congratulate this elite group of student-athletes,
47 who have brought honor and pride to their school, their community,
48 and the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and congratulate the 2024-2025 Jackson Prep Lady Patriots
52 Basketball Team for winning the Midsouth Association of
53 Independent Schools (MAIS) Class 6A State Championship, and extend
54 best wishes to the team for continued success in all their future
55 endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to the Jackson Prep Lady Patriots Basketball Team and to
58 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

