

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Chism, Norwood,
Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BOONEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH MICHAEL SMITH FOR WINNING THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT CLASS 3A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, complacency often settles in for those who have done
6 a lot of winning, but not for Booneville's boys, and not in a
7 state championship match. The Booneville High School Boys
8 Basketball Blue Devils (29-4) methodically took apart the Coahoma
9 County Panthers on February 28, 2025, at the Mississippi Coliseum,
10 beating them 57-39 in the MHSAA Class 3A State Boys Basketball
11 Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, this is Booneville's fourth title in a row and
13 eighth in program history. These teams faced off in last year's
14 3A Championship Game when Booneville came back to win 46-43 in
15 overtime; and

16 WHEREAS, "These players just continue to work the whole
17 time," Blue Devil Coach Michael Smith said. "It starts with
18 Dalton (Jackson) and Kedrick (Simmons). They're the most humble,



19 hard-working players and they live in that gym. It's incredible
20 to watch and see them go"; and

21 WHEREAS, Simmons made a 3-point play in the first quarter
22 that started a 12-4 run, putting Booneville ahead 19-9 with 7:23
23 left in the second. Simmons and Jackson each hit a 3 pointer
24 later in the second. Then Jackson found Simmons on an alley-oop
25 to make it 27-15 at halftime. Booneville shot 21 of 42 (50%) from
26 the field and 5 of 11 (45%) from deep. The Blue Devils
27 out-rebounded Coahoma County 33-24, including 26-17 on the
28 offensive boards; and

29 WHEREAS, no Blue Devil shot better than Simmons, who led the
30 team with 21 points and nine rebounds. Simmons' 3-point play got
31 him his first points of the game. Simmons' 21 points came
32 shooting 7 of 12 (58%) from the field. Jackson trailed with 12
33 and Camryn Hampton had 11. Simmons, who is Class 3A's Mr.
34 Basketball for the second straight year, will continue his
35 basketball career less than three miles from The Big House at
36 Jackson State University; and

37 WHEREAS, Booneville 2024-2025 Basketball Roster: Jekemry
38 Bell, Rhett Smith, Dalton Jackson, Elijah Shumpert, Clarke Smith,
39 Kedrick Simmons, Caden Ruth, Kaiden Geanes, Jacadien Simmons,
40 Isaiah Jackson, Erik Daniel Dukes, Elijah Dukes, Clark Janzen,
41 Jaiden Geanes, Camryn Hampton, Myrion Floyd and Jase Adams; and



42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
43 student athletes who have brought honor to their team, their
44 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Booneville High School
48 Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Michael Smith for
49 winning their fourth straight Class 3A State Championship, and
50 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes
51 for continued championships.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Head Coach Michael Smith for the team, forwarded to Booneville
54 Principal Amy Goers and the Prentiss County Board of Education and
55 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

