

By: Senator(s) Younger

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025
2 COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LADY RAMS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 HEAD COACH BILLY THOMAS FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND MAIS CLASS AA
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THREE YEARS.

5 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 15, 2025, the Columbus
6 Christian Academy Lady Rams Girls Basketball Team led by Head
7 Coach Billy Thomas won their second MAIS Class AA State
8 Championship in three years; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lady Rams have accumulated over 100 victories,
10 and their team accomplishments include the following:

- 11 • 2023 State Championship;
- 12 • 2024 Undefeated Conference Champs;
- 13 • 2024 Runner-Up State Champs;
- 14 • 2025 Undefeated Conference Champs;
- 15 • 2025 North State Championship;
- 16 • 2025 State Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, Columbus Christian Academy Lady Rams individual
18 accomplishments include the following:



19 • Satavia Watkins - Senior: 1500 points; four years All
20 Conference; 2025 District MVP offense; 2025 North State All
21 Tournament Team; 2026 State All Tournament Team; and 2025 All Star
22 Team; and

23 • Carrie Kinard - Junior: 1,000 points; four years All
24 Conference; 2025 Conference Defensive MVP; 2025 North State All
25 Tournament Team; and 2025 State All Tournament Team; and

26 • Ada Farlow - Senior: 1,000 points; four years All
27 Conference; 2024 Conference MVP; 2025 Conference MVP; 2025 North
28 State MVP; 2025 North State All Tournament Team; 2025 State All
29 Tournament Team; and 2025 All Star Team; and

30 • Presley Andrews - Senior: 2nd year voted All Conference;
31 2025 North State All Tournament Team; and 2025 State All
32 Tournament Team; and

33 • Olivia Cantrell - Junior: 2025 All Conference; and 2025
34 North State All Tournament Team; and

35 WHEREAS, other senior teammates include: Cassie Carter and
36 Avery Johnston; juniors: Audrey Glover and Kaitlyn McCoy;
37 freshmen: Anna Beth Thomas and Lanie Jones; and eight grade:
38 Starr Easterwood; Manager Isabella Denton, Junior; Head Coach
39 Billy Thomas; and Assistant Coach Todd Benge; and

40 WHEREAS, this is an outstanding group of girls not just on
41 the court. Several of these girls participate in multiple sports
42 and excel academically and on the ACT. Cassie Carter, Audrey
43 Glover, Avery Johnston, and Carrie Kinard are all members of the



44 National Honor Society. Avery Johnston has been offered and
45 signed to play softball with the MUW Owls for the 2025-2026
46 softball season, and Cassie Carter is the "Play-OFF's" girl; and

47 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
48 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
49 community and to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
52 2024-2025 Columbus Christian Academy Lady Rams Girls Basketball
53 Team and Head Coach Billy Thomas for winning their second MAIS
54 Class AA State Championship in the past three (3) years, and
55 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes
56 for continued success.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Coach Billy Thomas and Athletic Director Marcus Davidson for the
59 team, forwarded to the Columbus Christian Academy Board of
60 Trustees, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

