

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BAY SPRINGS
2 HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND FIRST-YEAR HEAD
3 COACH STAN JONES FOR WINNING THE 2025 MHSAA CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Bay Springs High School is bringing back a Gold Ball
5 Trophy and happy basketball players from their latest venture to
6 the Mississippi Coliseum; and

7 WHEREAS, somewhere, somehow, long-time boys basketball Coach
8 Corey Mackey is smiling right along. "This season was dedicated
9 to him," said first-year Bay Springs Boys Basketball Coach Stan
10 Jones about the former mentor of the program who passed away in
11 January 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, Jadius McCormick scored 19 points to help the
13 Bulldogs hold off Pelahatchie High School on March 1, 2025. The
14 Bulldogs held on to a score of 46-44, to claim the Mississippi
15 High School Activities Association's Class 2A Boys Basketball
16 State Championship at the "Big House"; and



17 WHEREAS, after leading by nine points at halftime, the second
18 half turned into a nip-and-tuck grinder. "They play defense hard
19 and that's the name of the game," said Coach Jones; and

20 WHEREAS, Bay Springs (28-5) led by five late in the fourth
21 quarter, but back-to-back baskets by Pelahatchie made the score
22 45-44 with 45 seconds to play. Bay Springs' Elijah Strickland hit
23 1-of-2 free throws for the game's final point, and then Bay
24 Springs denied a pair of Pelahatchie offensive possessions in the
25 game's final 28 seconds. McCormick was named the game's most
26 valuable player; and

27 WHEREAS, the most valuable asset on the Bulldogs' bench was
28 the memory of a man who devoted two decades to the Bulldogs'
29 basketball. "And I wanted to come in and still leave his name on
30 here at Bay Springs, while I'm here coaching. Don't want the guys
31 to forget about him, because he did a lot for the community"; and

32 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Bay Springs Basketball Roster: Robert
33 Bender, Elijah Strickland, Jaxton Moore, Octavious McCormick,
34 Jadius McCormick, Myson Young, Nathan Gavin, Dalyn Pierce, Kayden
35 Walker, Bobby Hamilton, Darien Hosey, Daylan Neal, Tyler Roberts,
36 and Head Coach Stan Jones; and

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

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Bay



42 Springs High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team and first-year
43 Head Coach Stan Jones for winning the 2025 MHSAA Class 2A
44 Championship and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors
45 our best wishes for future success.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 Coach Stan Jones for the team, forwarded to Bay Springs High
48 School Principal Dan Brady and the Jasper County Board of
49 Education and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

