

By: Senator(s) Blackmon, Thomas, Frazier

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CANTON HIGH  
2 SCHOOL TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BJ TOWNSEND FOR  
3 WINNING BACK-TO-BACK MHSAA CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, the fans were expecting a lot from a team that won  
5 the MHSAA Class 5A Championship last season. Canton Boys  
6 Basketball Coach BJ Townsend knew his team was capable of winning  
7 the championship. All of their hard work led the Tigers (21-10)  
8 to defending their MHSAA 5A Title 53-35, beating Region 2 rival  
9 Holmes County Central (21-9) on February 28, 2025, at the  
10 Mississippi Coliseum; and

11 WHEREAS, Mississippi State signee and Class 5A Mr. Basketball  
12 Jamarion Davis-Fleming, the senior center, knew the feeling of  
13 winning a championship and the heat it takes. During the game,  
14 his leadership took over. "Last year we had a lot of seniors, all  
15 graduated, so it was on me," Davis-Fleming said. "It's what I had  
16 to do." His drive helped fuel Canton to win its  
17 second-consecutive State Championship and third overall in front



18 of the biggest crowd the Mississippi Coliseum has seen in this  
19 season's tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, "You see the crowd; it was electric," Coach Townsend  
21 said. Davis-Fleming scored six points, but his production came  
22 from rebounds, defense and assists. So when Davis-Fleming was  
23 double-teamed, Canton's guards stepped up. Senior Taryl Hoskin  
24 scored 19 points and sophomore Braylen Reaves had 12; and

25 WHEREAS, Canton High School Tigers Boys Basketball Team  
26 2024-2025 Roster: Jamarion Davis-Fleming, Eric Gilkey, Da'jon  
27 Montgomery, Jayden Cration, Jaylon Hollins, Jadarious Esco, Cesar  
28 Rodriguez, Jeremy Harris, Braylen Reaves, Sermaji Davis, Cameron  
29 Warren, TJ Hoskin, Taryl Hoskin, Ty'trevien Greenwood, Kennedy  
30 Wolfe, Jataevion Johnson, Jaylon Ross and Joshua Amos; and Head  
31 Coach BJ Townsend; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Canton  
37 High School Tigers Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach BJ Townsend  
38 for winning back-to-back MHSAA Class 5A State Championships, and  
39 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes  
40 for future championships.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
42 Coach BJ Townsend for the team, forwarded to the Canton High



43 School Principal and Canton School Board, and made available to  
44 the Capitol Press Corps.

