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## MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Frazier, Blount, Norwood, Blackmon

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CALLAWAY HIGH 2 SCHOOL LADY CHARGERS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES ASHLI 3 SUTTON AND DEYANO MARTIN FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST 2025 MHSAA CLASS 6A GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. 5 WHEREAS, when the buzzer sounded, star player Jahanna Wilson immediately fell to the floor. Coach Ashli Sutton started to 6 7 circle around the court with her hands in the air because the Callaway Girls Basketball Team had just won its first MHSAA State 8 9 Championship. Coach Sutton said, "So now to have one on the wall for ourselves, its a good feeling. We say every day 'chasing 10 history,' and today we made history"; and 11 12 WHEREAS, the Lady Chargers (30-3) defeated West Jones (28-5) 13 by a score of 51-46 to win the Class 6A Title on March 1, 2025, at 14 the Mississippi Coliseum. The win was Jackson Public Schools' first basketball title since the Lanier boys won in 2021; and 15 WHEREAS, "It feels amazing," Jahanna Wilson said, who led 16 17 Callaway with 21 points. "You know, it's a long-time coming. We came here two years ago, and we fell short, but today we came here 18 19 with one goal, and that one goal was to win, and we did it"; and

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- 20 WHEREAS, "I was out of timeouts, but not one time did I
  21 worry, not one time did I trek because I had my senior guards on
  22 the floor, I knew they would take care of it for me," Coach Sutto
- 22 the floor, I knew they would take care of it for me," Coach Sutton
- 23 declared; and
- 24 WHEREAS, now, Jahanna Wilson can have the pleasure of seeing
- 25 a girls banner when she steps into Callaway's gym. The only
- 26 basketball banners in the gym have been the Callaway boys
- 27 championship wins; and
- 28 WHEREAS, the 2025 Callaway High School Lady Chargers Girls
- 29 Basketball Team Roster: Alisiah Cook, Keriyanna Murriel, Noel
- 30 Bryant, Jernae Ringgold, Trinity Cook, Jahanna Wilson, Jackayla
- 31 Turnage, Megann Wallace, Shelbie Walker, De'Jah Granderson, Layla
- 32 Ba, Ashley Dunson, Tanija Stokes, Hailyn Henderson, Kai Keyes and
- 33 Kiyoni Turner; and Coaches Ashli Sutton and Deyano Martin; and
- 34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
- 35 student athletes who have brought honor to their team, their
- 36 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:
- 37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
- 39 Callaway High School Lady Chargers Girls Basketball Team and
- 40 Coaches Ashli Sutton and Deyano Martin for winning their first
- 41 2025 MHSAA Class 6A Girls Basketball Championship, and extend to
- 42 the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
- 43 championships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
Coaches Ashli Sutton and Deyano Martin for the team, forwarded to
Callaway Principal Shemeka Sutton-McClung and the Jackson School
Board, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.