

By: Senator(s) Blackmon, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE GERMANTOWN
2 HIGH SCHOOL MAVERICKS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CHRIS
3 LOVE FOR THEIR FIRST WINNING SEASON, FIRST STATE TOURNAMENT
4 APPEARANCE AND FIRST MHSAA CLASS 7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Germantown defeated Madison Central 69-52 to win the
6 MHSAA Class 7A State Championship, the first in program history;

7 WHEREAS, the Mavericks were led by Jackson State signee Mike
8 Williams, who scored a game-high 22 points. This was the fourth
9 meeting between the two teams this season, with Germantown winning
10 all four games; and

11 WHEREAS, Williams and his brother, junior guard Mason
12 Williams, transferred from Jackson Academy last season, where the
13 two helped the Raiders win a MAIS championship. Now, the two
14 leave Mississippi Coliseum as champions in both organizations.
15 The Williams brothers are among the first in Mississippi high
16 school basketball history to win state titles in both MAIS and
17 MHSAA; and

18 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 season was Germantown's first winning
19 season in program history, its first appearance in a boys state



20 title game and it added the program's first title. Germantown
21 (29-5) played through four lead changes early in the first
22 quarter, but a second-half surge saw a lead as large as 24 points;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Love said it was a challenge, facing a Region
25 2 rival for another time, especially in a state title game, which
26 he says is arguably the most challenging in the state. "It's
27 difficult; we play in the toughest district in the state, Love
28 said. "It's just hard to be a well-coached team four times."
29 Third-year Coach Love said, "We worked harder and eventually got
30 over that hump this year ... We told them what we came here for.
31 We came here to win the state championship. Not just to come in
32 and win a few ball games, we came to win the championship. We got
33 one, so hopefully we could start a tradition here"; and

34 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Germantown Boys Championship
35 Basketball Roster: Mason Williams, Michael Williams, Kevonte
36 Baldwin, Mike Williams, Aubrey Norman, Derrick Lovett, Jr., Devin
37 Moore, Dominic Spinks, Jr., Langston Branson, Kristan Wilson,
38 Christopher Jones, Jase Kelly, Matthew Smith, Michael Johnson,
39 Samuel Funches IV, Kaden Hardge, Eugene Williams II; Head Coach
40 Chris Love, Assistant Coaches, Jay Watkins, Hillary Price, Ivory
41 Bowie and Justin Sanders; and

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



45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
47 Germantown High School Mavericks Boys Basketball Team and Head
48 Coach Chris Love for their first winning season, first state
49 tournament appearance and first MHSAA Class 7A State Championship
50 and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best
51 wishes for future success.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Head Coach Chris Love for the team, forwarded to Germantown
54 Principal Cody Zumbro and the Madison County Board of Education
55 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

