

By: Senator(s) Parks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BIGGERSVILLE
2 HIGH SCHOOL LADY LIONS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH CLIFF
3 LITTLE FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND OVERALL CLASS 1A STATE TITLE.

4 WHEREAS, Biggersville High School Lady Lions Girls Basketball
5 Team claimed the MHSAA Class 1A Title in a 54-47 win over Thrasher
6 on February 28, 2025. It is the Lady Lions' first state title
7 since 2022 and their second overall; and

8 WHEREAS, Sadiya Hill led Biggersville (28-5) with 24 points
9 and Jaylee Stafford with 19; and

10 WHEREAS, when the final horn sounded, the basketball court
11 became a sea of emotion, tears flowing seemingly everywhere, tears
12 of joy, tears of despair. As much as the outcome meant, one way
13 or the other to so many people, it meant so much to the Littles of
14 Biggersville; and

15 WHEREAS, Cliff Little is the Biggersville Head Coach, and
16 Jana Little, his wife, is an assistant coach. Lainey Jackson
17 Little, their daughter, is a junior guard on the team. Eighteen
18 years ago, Cliff and Jan were a young married couple teaching at



19 East Webster in Maben. Cliff was an assistant basketball coach,
20 Jana the team's scorekeeper; and

21 WHEREAS, 15-year-old Sadiya Hill scored 24 points to lead the
22 Lions, while Jaylee Stafford scored 19 and pulled down 11 rebounds
23 despite playing much of the fourth quarter with four fouls. The
24 gifted Hill is just a sophomore and her talented older sister,
25 K'yana Hill is a junior, so there is a good chance Biggersville
26 will be back again next year. With so much talent, there is no
27 telling how many championships the 46-year-old Cliff Little will
28 win before he is done. This makes seven state championships, five
29 boys, two girls in all for Little; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Biggersville Lady Lions Girls
31 Basketball Roster: Sadiya Hill, Lainey Jackson Little, Xzandria
32 Neal, Annah Rhodes, Hailye Gaines, K'yana Hill, Jaylee Stafford,
33 Katlyn Russell, Giana Wicks, Kamdyn Taylor, Carlisia Patterson,
34 McKinsey Coleman, Head Coach Cliff Little, Assistant Coaches,
35 Tracy Stafford and Jana Little; and

36 WHEREAS, there is something special about growing up in a
37 small town like Biggersville. The traditions, the bond, the
38 community, create a pretty amazing high school basketball team
39 like the Lady Lions. Small towns across America produce some of
40 the best high school basketball being played anywhere, regardless
41 of population size, and it is with great pride that we recognize
42 this group of student athletes who have brought honor to their
43 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
46 Biggersville High School Lady Lions Girls Basketball Team and
47 Coach Cliff Little for winning their second overall Class 1A State
48 Title and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our
49 best wishes for future championships.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 Coach Cliff Little, forwarded to Biggersville Principal Pete Seago
52 and the Alcorn County Board of Education and made available to the
53 Capitol Press Corps.

