

By: Senator(s) Chism, Suber

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2025 PONTOTOC
2 LADY WARRIORS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH KYLE HEARD FOR
3 WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 5A GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, following a back-and-forth championship game, with a
5 long, grueling fourth quarter, Pontotoc Coach Lyle Heard felt
6 unsure the game was over, even as the Lady Warriors were
7 celebrating. "During the whole ceremony, I kind of wondered, is
8 the game really over or do we have to do this some more?" Heard
9 said; and

10 WHEREAS, the Pontotoc Girls Basketball Team claimed the MHSAA
11 Class 5A State Championship 41-39 over Canton on February 28,
12 2025, at the Mississippi Coliseum. It is Pontotoc's first state
13 title since 2021; and

14 WHEREAS, "I think we were nervous," said guard Lyla Cox, who
15 had a team-high 15 points. "But we also knew that we had to get
16 our job done, and we just had to fight to the very end, and I
17 think we did that, and we wanted to win." With the score tied at
18 30-30 at halftime, Cox knew that she and the senior group had to



19 step up in their final high school game, and Heard gave them a
20 reminder. "He just left it up to the seniors, and he was like,
21 'This is our final chance. You'll have to fight if y'all want
22 this,'" Cox said; and

23 WHEREAS, Cox who opened the game with three consecutive
24 three-pointers, was named the game MVP. Pontotoc's (28-6)
25 Channing Lane finished second in points with 12; and

26 WHEREAS, Heard turned to his post player, Emarie Boddie, to
27 challenge Canton's Shamira Morton. Boddie ended with 10 points
28 and three rebounds; and

29 WHEREAS, The Pontotoc Lady Warriors Girls Basketball Roster:
30 Kirsten Evans, Jazmine Cueller, Milaysiah Lawrence, Lyla Cox,
31 Markarri Rucker, Channing Lane, Nakiyah Hoskins, Olivia Galloway,
32 Alaina Smith, Erynn Boddie, Emarie Boddie, Mackenzie McDonald,
33 Ka'Niya Moore, Alaysia Berry, Kaylee Good, Head Coach Kyle Heard,
34 Assistants, Rolley Tipler, Wanda Hatcher, Rhandi Ball; Athletic
35 Trainer, Brandon Grecinger; Student Managers, Journey Rhea, Rylee
36 Grace Suggs, Najaria Judon; and Video Tech, Jaisha Jackson; 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 2025
42 Pontotoc Lady Warriors Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Kyle
43 Heard for winning the MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball



44 Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and
45 sponsors our best wishes for future championships.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 Head Coach Kyle Heard for the team, forwarded to Pontotoc High
48 School Principal Dr. Dustin Payne and the Pontotoc County Board of
49 Education and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

