

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Harkins, Blount,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON PREP  
2 LADY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH MICHAEL MCANALLY FOR  
3 WINNING BACK-TO-BACK MAIS 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, we join the Jackson Prep students, faculty, alumni  
5 and administration in saluting the Lady Patriots Girls Basketball  
6 Team for winning back-to-back MAIS 6A State Championships; and

7 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2025, Jackson Prep was among the  
8 last four teams left standing to compete for the 2025 MAIS 6A  
9 Championship Trophy. The Lady Patriots went into the game as the  
10 reigning MAIS 6A champions and were determined to become  
11 back-to-back champions. The last time the Jackson Prep Girls  
12 Basketball Team won championships two years in a row was almost 20  
13 years ago; and

14 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep and Presbyterian Christian found  
15 themselves tied before heading into halftime. The Lady Patriots  
16 pulled ahead in the second half and came out on top, winning  
17 37-29. Their Head Coach Michael McAnally and junior Meg Barbour  
18 were thrilled to achieve this accomplishment; and



19 WHEREAS, Coach McAnally said he told his team in huddles that  
20 all they needed was a 60-second spurt of defense and quick scoring  
21 to give them a shot. Jackson Prep did not see its first lead of  
22 the championship until six minutes in the fourth quarter from a  
23 mid-range jump shot from Claire Crosby, putting the Lady Patriots  
24 up 23-22. What followed was a 3-pointer from junior forward Meg  
25 Barbour, and a 16-5 run ensued. McAnally admitted his team was  
26 frustrated throughout the game, but he said a sense of calmness  
27 kept illuminating the team during timeouts; and

28 WHEREAS, the Jackson Prep Basketball 2024-2025 Varsity Girls  
29 Roster: Abby Duncan, Ann Elise Walker, Ann Magee Stradinger, Meg  
30 Barbour, Cate Bailey, Grayson Garriga, Taylor Caton, Lella  
31 Rutledge, Claire Crosby, Maggie Bailey, Caroline Cross, Grace  
32 Watkins, Aubrey Bailey, Torrey Polk, Morgan Grimes, Reese Russ,  
33 Lily Grubbs, Bella Vance Dallas, Head Coach, Michael McAnally,  
34 Assistant Coaches, Keavy Noblin and Allie Gordon; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these  
36 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
37 community and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
40 Jackson Prep Lady Patriots Basketball Team and Coach Michael  
41 McAnally for winning back-to-back MAIS 6A State Championships and  
42 extend the best wishes of the Mississippi Senate to the team,



43 coaches, administration, parents and sponsors for future  
44 championships.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Coach Michael McAnally for the team, forwarded to Jackson Prep  
47 Headmaster Lawrence M. Coco III and the Board of Trustees, and  
48 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

