

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LANIER HIGH
2 SCHOOL "BULLDOG" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING
3 2001-2002 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE 4A CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Lanier High School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team
5 finished the 2001-2002 season with a remarkable record of 34 wins
6 and 5 losses; and

7 WHEREAS, the Lanier Bulldogs, ranked No. 5 in *The*
8 *Clarion-Ledger* poll, won their 13th state championship, beating
9 Picayune with a 77-73 victory at the Mississippi Coliseum before
10 an estimated 6,000 sports fans; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to the 4A State Championship, the
12 Bulldogs won the Yazoo City Tournament, the Madison Central
13 Tournament, the District Tournament and the North State Regional
14 Tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, the Lanier High School Bulldogs have been superbly
16 coached and inspired by Head Coach Thomas Billups, who has
17 broadened the Bulldogs' knowledge of the game and refined their
18 skills in execution and has established his credibility as an
19 outstanding coach by winning his fifth championship in only 11
20 seasons; and

21 WHEREAS, the team roster is as follows: Cordale Allen,
22 Denauldo Bennett, Jonathan Blackmon, Tim Brown, Bobby Bryant,
23 Brian Burns, Wesley Caldwell, Floyd Dixion, Jarenta Ellis, Monta
24 Ellis, Flawaan Flaggs, Caleb Gaines, William Holley, Lester
25 Hollins, Sean Johnson, Brian Jones, Chris McGee, Marlon Milton,
26 Isaac Wells and Eric Williams; Managers: Robert Ghoston, Lawanda
27 Griffin (stats), Sonya Love (bookkeeper), Neima Tillman



28 (bookkeeper) and Sheena White (stats); Head Coach: Thomas
29 Billups; and Assistant Coaches: Jonas James and Sylvester Kyles;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the winning
32 accomplishments of this group of student athletes, who have
33 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
34 Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and congratulate the Lanier High
37 School Bulldogs Boys Basketball Team and their coach, Head Coach
38 Thomas Billups, for their phenomenal 2001-2002 season, for winning
39 the Class 4A State Championship and for displaying tireless
40 devotion to their athletic endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 presented to Lanier High School, Head Coach Thomas Billups and
43 made available to the Principal of Lanier High School and the
44 Capitol Press Corps.

