

By: Representatives Pierce, Ellzey, Taylor

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE RICHTON HIGH  
2 SCHOOL REBELS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 2002-2003  
3 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Richton High School Rebels Boys Basketball Team  
5 finished the 2002-2003 season with a notable record of 25-7; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the Rebels participated in  
7 several playoffs and were victorious as the Pine Belt Conference  
8 Champions, Class 2A District 8 Champions and Class 2A State  
9 Champions and were the runner-up in the South State Tournament;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Rebels were superbly coached and inspired by  
12 Coach Hugh Thoms, who has broadened the players' knowledge of the  
13 game and refined their skills in execution; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Thoms has brought additional honor to himself  
15 and to Richton High School by being selected as the Hattiesburg  
16 American Coach of the Year 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, along with Coach Thoms' excellent coaching, the  
18 Rebels were also assisted by their statistician, Jerry Ivy,  
19 trainer, Joe Cook, and athletic director, Joe Walton; and

20 WHEREAS, several of the Rebels have been recognized for their  
21 hard work, dedication and superior play this season, including the  
22 naming of D.J. Husband to the All-Richton Rotary Tournament Team  
23 and the Pine Belt Conference Honorable Mention Team, Jarrott  
24 Husband to the Pine Belt Conference Honorable Mention Team,  
25 Jonathan Carroll to the All-Pine Belt Conference Team, Gremico  
26 McSwain to the All-State Team, All-South State Team and  
27 All-District Team, Jarrod Stenson to the All-State Team, All-South



28 State Team, All-Pine Belt Conference Team, Hattiesburg American  
29 All-Area Team and Taurean Carter to the All-State Team, MAC  
30 All-State Team, All-South State Team, and All-District Team; and

31 WHEREAS, the Richton High School Rebels have developed a  
32 winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of  
33 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great  
34 credit upon the individual players and their coach and bring great  
35 honor to Richton High School; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
37 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,  
38 especially when displayed by the young people of our state, who  
39 are its future:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and  
42 congratulate the Richton High School Rebels Boys Basketball Team  
43 and Coach Hugh Thoms for their outstanding 2002-2003 season, for  
44 winning the state championship and for displaying tireless  
45 devotion to their athletic endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to Richton High School, Coach Hugh Thoms and members of  
48 the Capitol Press Corps.

