

By: Representatives Thomas, Bailey, Coleman To: Rules
(29th), Gibbs, Hines, Huddleston, Norquist,
Perkins, Straughter, Whittington

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE INDIANOLA
2 GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL LADY RAMS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 CHARLES WILLIAMS FOR THEIR PERFECT 2006-2007 SEASON, 4A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
5 GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, who's the No. 1 girls basketball team in the state?
7 Indianola Gentry High School answered that question Saturday,
8 March 17, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lady Rams completed a perfect season with a
10 thrilling 63-58 victory over Murrah in a much-anticipated No. 1
11 vs. No. 2 title game showdown in the Mississippi High School
12 Activities Association Grand Slam; and

13 WHEREAS, Gentry, ranked No. 2 in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super 10,
14 finished 40-0 to become the first Mississippi High School
15 Activities Association team (boys or girls) to go unbeaten since
16 the Yazoo County Lady Panthers did it in 1999-2000; and

17 WHEREAS, the Class 4A State Champion Lady Rams staked their
18 claim as the undisputed best team in Mississippi by knocking off
19 the 5A Champions, ranked No. 1 in the Super 10 and No. 14
20 nationally by *USA Today*; and

21 WHEREAS, "We felt like we had something to prove," said
22 Gentry Dandy Dozen Senior Sarita Cooper. "All season I felt that
23 we should have been No. 1 the whole time"; and

24 WHEREAS, Sarita Cooper and frontcourt mate Veronica Walker
25 helped the school win its first Gold Ball Class 4A Championship on
26 March 10, 2007, and made sure they delivered the Silver Trophy
27 back to the Delta as well; and

28 WHEREAS, Head Coach Charles Williams was quoted as saying,
29 "It was a great day for us, but let's be honest, this is why we
30 came here; to win the tournament. This has been an unbelievable
31 year for us. You have to live it to believe it"; and

32 WHEREAS, on the road to the Overall State Championship, the
33 Lady Rams won the Coahoma County Tournament, the Ram Holiday
34 Classic Tournament, the NCAC Tournament, the Division 3-4A
35 Tournament, the North State Tournament, and of course the 4A State
36 Tournament and the Mississippi High School Activities Association
37 Grand Slam Championship; and

38 WHEREAS, the following team members earned special
39 recognition: Sarita Cooper: All-District, All-Conference,
40 All-State; Veronica Walker: All-District, All-Conference,
41 All-State; Laneisha Jennie: All-Conference and All-State; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
43 landmark season accomplished by a group of student athletes who
44 have brought honor to their school, their community and to the
45 State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend and congratulate the Indianola Gentry High School Lady
49 Rams Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Charles Williams for
50 their perfect 2006-2007 season, Class 4A State Championship and
51 MHSAA Grand Slam Overall State Championship, and extend to them
52 the best wishes of the Legislature for continued athletic and
53 academic success.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Head Coach Charles Williams and the Principal of Gentry High
56 School, be forwarded to the School Board of the Indianola School
57 District and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.