

By: Representatives Carpenter, Arnold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BELMONT HIGH
2 SCHOOL LADY CARDINALS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A GIRLS
4 BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball
6 Team reigned victorious against Booneville High School Lady Blue
7 Devils to win the 2024 Mississippi High School Activities
8 Association (MHSAA) Class 3A Girls Basketball State Championship,
9 the team's thirteenth state championship, and its first since
10 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals' motto of "Together we can" was
12 never more evident than in the championship game against the
13 two-time defending champion Lady Devils, as the Lady Cardinals'
14 mental stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment
15 they first hustled onto the court until the final buzzer buzzed,
16 and to claim this illustrious victory, the team relied on their
17 swift feet, accurate shooting and strategic moves, which
18 ultimately allowed them to bring the coveted championship title
19 back home to Belmont High School; and



20 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals basketball team is comprised of
21 the following talented student-athletes: Carlie Brock, Alaina
22 Hubbard, Maya Southward, Mckinley Bennett, Brooklyn Dill, Kat
23 Reno, Aubree Scott, Abby Lincoln, Karsyn Sullivan, Presley Ross,
24 Sadie Randolph, Kendyl Sparks, Hailey Carouthers, Hailey Ivey, Zoe
25 Henley, Amber Holcomb, Miesha Johnson and Hannah Nieto-Hale; and

26 WHEREAS, the Lady Cardinals have been superbly coached and
27 tremendously inspired by Head Coach Chris Higginbottom and
28 Assistant Coach Harrison Fancher, who have broadened the players'
29 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution, as
30 they continue to build upon the legacy of superior play and true
31 sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each
32 team member, as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber
33 players and plays, and by the team's successful season; and

34 WHEREAS, the members of this team will surely carry the
35 unforgettable memories they made along their way to championship
36 status, whether it be the long hours of grueling practices, as
37 well as the lessons of hard work, dedication and perseverance
38 learned during this amazing season, throughout their lives as they
39 are constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
40 accompanies being a champion; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend exceptional Mississippi student-athletes,
43 especially those such as the Lady Cardinals, whose hard work and



44 dedication brings honor to Belmont High School and to the State of
45 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 Belmont High School Lady Cardinals
49 Girls Basketball Team and Coach Chris Higginbottom for winning the
50 2024 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball State Championship, and
51 extend best wishes for continued success in all their future
52 endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to the Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Girls
55 Basketball Team, Coach Chris Higginbottom, and to the members of
56 the Capitol Press Corps.

