

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE TISHOMINGO
2 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "BRAVES" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 BRIAN MIDDLETON FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, for Tishomingo County Girls Basketball Coach Brian
5 Middleton, this season was all about family. He made the decision
6 to start eighth-grader Meg Moore alongside her sister, Reese
7 Moore, and then, to start his daughter, Baylon Middleton, at
8 forward. Coach Middleton's decisions proved to be the right ones,
9 as the "Braves" easily defeated Morton 37-17 in the MHSAA 4A State
10 Championship at the Mississippi Coliseum on March 2, 2024; and

11 WHEREAS, it is the first State Championship in football,
12 basketball and baseball for Tishomingo County High School (30-3);
13 and

14 WHEREAS, "We have worked so hard for this," Coach Brian
15 Middleton said. "I kept preaching this week that 'This is your
16 opportunity and today is the day to go do it.' We did not shy
17 away from this, and for the last two years we thought we belonged



18 at the top. We just kept figuring out how we were going to get
19 there"; and

20 WHEREAS, Morton (29-3) had trouble stopping game MVP Reese
21 Moore who led all scorers with 14 points, along with five assists
22 and four steals. Her sister, Meg Moore, was the team's
23 second-leading scorer with 11 points. "It is super special to
24 share this with my sister," Reese Moore said. "It is very
25 emotional. We played in the driveway growing up, always on the
26 same team, and to now play with her and get one, it feels great";
27 and

28 WHEREAS, defense was the key for Tishomingo County. The
29 "Braves" limited Morton to six points in the first half to lead by
30 13. Morton began the third quarter with a 7-0 run as Nazrin Lyles
31 hit a layup and then on the next possession made a three-pointer
32 to make the score 21-13. After a timeout, a steal and assist by
33 Baylon Middleton fueled the "Braves" on a 10-0 run to put the game
34 out of reach; and

35 WHEREAS, the 2023-24 Tishomingo County High School "Braves"
36 Girls Basketball Team Championship Roster: Maggie Young, Zareli
37 Ozuna, Brianna Lowrey, Arlei Cummings, Cassidy Lowrey, Mylie
38 Downs, Kalei Cummings, Kelsey Shea, Lily Reed, Madison Bennett,
39 Gracen Reece, Madelyn Griffin, Kazli Timbes, Robynne McMillan,
40 Christian Bobo, Campbell Holly, Abbi Reed, Annsleigh Fair, Lexi
41 Massengill, Megan Perkins, McKenzie Gray, Claire Ray, Mak Gray,
42 Ashley Booker, Kaley Latch, Baylon Middleton, Hannah Pounders,



43 Adnee Floyd, Anna Hooper, Madelyn Long, Stephanie Edge, Albany
44 Marlin, Margaret Claire Riley, McKenzie Blakney, Meg Moore, Reese
45 Moore, Morgan Perkins, Briley Hill, Brittany Newcomb, Jayla Brown,
46 Chloe Glidewell, Autumn Wilson, Katie Powers, Molly Pardue,
47 Ashleigh McRae, DarylAnna Thrasher, Cara White, Aubree Lambert,
48 Sandra Lambert, Grayson Brown, RayLea Hill, Clara Garland, Monica
49 Ambrosio, Chloe Pounders, Mariah Vanderwal, Molly Nash and Kassidy
50 Dees; and Head Coach Brian Middleton; and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
52 special group of student athletes who have brought honor to their
53 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
56 Tishomingo County High School "Braves" Girls Basketball Team and
57 Head Coach Brian Middleton for winning their first State
58 Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and
59 sponsors our best wishes for future success.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 Coach Brian Middleton and Tishomingo County Principal Dr. Dax
62 Glover for the team, forwarded to the Tishomingo County Board of
63 Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

