

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BOONEVILLE
2 HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE DEVILS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 MICHAEL SMITH FOR WINNING THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE CLASS 3A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Booneville Coach Michael Smith made all the right
6 moves for the boys team in a 46-43 overtime win over Coahoma
7 County on March 2, 2024, for its third consecutive state title;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the "Blue Devils" (29-2) had to overcome a
10 three-point deficit in overtime against the "Panthers," and "Blue
11 Devil" senior guard Alec Nunley coolly hit a 3-point shot from the
12 top of the key to give the "Blue Devils" team that lead and the
13 win; and

14 WHEREAS, Nunley said the three-peat was Booneville's goal
15 from before the first practice. The "Blue Devils" always focus on
16 the team goal rather than individual accomplishments; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Smith has coached the boys team to four state
18 championships since 2011, and this was the "Blue Devils" fourth
19 consecutive trip to the championship game. "This is a special



20 group of kids," Smith said. "These seniors have played in the
21 finals every year"; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Booneville Championship Team Roster
23 is: Jekemry Bell, Rhett Smith, Dalton Jackson, Landon Brown,
24 Briley McKinney, Kedrick Simmons, Caden Ruth, Elijah Shumpert,
25 Jacadien Simmons, Isaiah Jackson, Erik Daniel Dukes, Elijah Dukes,
26 Alec Nunley, Kydon Smith, Camryn Hampton, Kole Wildmon, Devin
27 Miller, Matthew Windham and Head Coach Michael Smith; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
33 Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team and Head
34 Coach Michael Smith for winning their third consecutive Class 3A
35 State Championship, and extend to the players, coaches, parents
36 and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 Coach Michael Smith and Booneville Principal Amy Goers for the
39 team, forwarded to the Prentiss County Board of Education and made
40 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

