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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL "BULLDOGS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH COREY MACKEY FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST MHSAA CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, led by Dandy Dozen prep star Bruce Steven's game-high 20 points, the Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Boys Basketball Team claimed their first State Title by defeating Okolona 74-58 on March 14, 2015, to claim the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 2A Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs (24-7) raced out to a 22-9 lead after the first quarter and never looked back in the win. Bay Springs led the Chieftains 37-24 at intermission and in a back-and-forth second half, the Bulldogs maintained their advantage by outscoring Okolona 37-34; and

WHEREAS, the senior-laden Bulldogs (eight seniors on 13-player roster) got all but 10 points from their graduating class. Dandy Dozen senior Bruce Stevens, the game MVP, was a 6-foot-8 tower of strength inside for the Bulldogs (25-7) with 20

points and 20 rebounds. In three State Tournament games, he had 75 points and 55 rebounds. Stevens had plenty of help from his teammates. Jonnas Spivey had 16 points and seven assists, and Javien Hamilton and Montell Billups 14 points each; and

WHEREAS, Bay Springs ended the season with eight straight wins to finish 25-7; and

WHEREAS, "The seniors stepped up when they needed to step up and helped bring that Gold Ball home," Bay Springs Head Coach Corey Mackey said; and

WHEREAS, the Region 8-2A Champion Bulldogs dispatched Lake (71-50), Loyd Star (76-46), Calhoun City (77-66) and Newton (68-61) before capturing the Gold Ball by dropping Okolona in the finals; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Boys Basketball Team Roster is: Dakari Jenkins, Bruce Stevens, Javien Hamilton, Jaylan Cook, Ladaryus Wheaton, Mariuce Newell, Jonnas Spivey, Kevin Grimes, Zavan Brown, LaGregory Gammage, Nick Fenderson, Montell Billups and Shawn Crawford; and Head Coach Corey Mackey; and

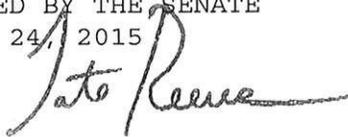
WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this first-time achievement by a group of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

we do hereby commend and congratulate the Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Corey Mackey for winning their first MHSAA Class 2A State Championship, and extend to the team, parents, coaches and sponsors our best wishes for a repeat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Coach Corey Mackey for the team, Bay Springs High School Principal James L. Raborn, forwarded to the Jasper County Board of Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 24, 2015



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 27, 2015



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES