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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2015 ST. ALOYSIUS BOYS TRACK TEAM FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the St. Aloysius High School Boys Track Team won the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 1A state meet bringing home the team championship for the first time in school history on May 8, 2015, under the leadership of Coach Keiko Booth; and

WHEREAS, DeMichael Harris charged the way winning three individual gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes, finishing second in the triple jump and setting two Class 1A records with a time of 10.75 seconds in the 100 meter dash and a time of 48.52 seconds in the 400 meter dash breaking a division record that had stood for 37 years, although his run in the 200 meter dash did not break a record, it was the race that clinched the team title; and

WHEREAS, the Flashes totaled an outstanding 113 points leaving John F. Kennedy High School with 79 points and Ray Brooks High School with 78 points in the dust; and

WHEREAS, it was unrelenting resolve and perseverance that led St. Aloysius to this ultimate victory for the first time, despite not having an actual track, they found innovative alternatives to refine their skills and could not be stopped from making school history; and

WHEREAS, the Flashes were excellently coached and motivated by Coach Keiko Booth, who will quickly deflect any attention to any individual coach or player's victory, but would rather assert with humility that it was a holistic team effort; and

WHEREAS, the team's many accomplishments this day included: Tae Warnsley, who won overall in the 300 meter hurdles and second in the 110 meter hurdles; Luke Eckstein received third in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters; and Josh Price earned second in the discus; and

WHEREAS, medaling in 10 of 14 events, they only finished worse than fifth in one event concluding the night with a tremendous victory by the 4x400 relay team of Warnsley, Connor Bottin, Lofton Varner and Emanuel Islam, a team that had not lost all season and refused to let up in the grand finale; and

WHEREAS, based on this outstanding season, in the summer following this event, Harris was awarded the prestigious Gatorade State Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year, given only to one

athlete per sport in each state based on his three individual state sprint titles for the 2014-2015 season, his academic excellence with a 3.67 GPA and exemplary character as an usher at his church; additionally, he was named the county's Co-Player of the Year and Track and Field Athlete of the Year at the statewide Best of the Preps Banquet, quite an astounding feat for the now senior; and

WHEREAS, the Flashes have developed a winning and team-oriented spirit with an attitude that reflects great credit upon the individual players, Coach Booth, St. Aloysius High School and the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of our state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate St. Aloysius Boys Track Team and Coach Keiko Booth upon a fantastic 2014-2015 season and for winning the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 1A State Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success in all of their future athletic and academic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

furnished to St. Aloysius High School, Coach Keiko Booth and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 26, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 28, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE