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SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JASPER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES UPON WINNING THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 5A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, we join the students, coaches, parents, and faculty at Jasper High School in celebrating the Girls Basketball Team's Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 5A State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2024, at the BJCC Legacy Arena in Birmingham, the Jasper High School Girls Basketball Team defied expectations by securing their first State Title in the program's history with a 48-44 victory over Scottsboro High School; and

WHEREAS, senior Mia Hollingsworth earned tournament MVP honors and was instrumental in the team's victory after finishing with 16 points, five rebounds, two assists, and two steals; she scored the go-ahead basket on a layup, drawing a foul on the play, and converted the and-1 opportunity to push the lead with 4:01 remaining in the game; and

WHEREAS, other notable standouts were sophomore Missy Odom who tied Mia Hollingsworth for a team-high with 16 points, adding seven rebounds, two steals, and two blocked shots; senior Hallie Harrell added 12 points and seven



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29 rebounds; senior Idaysia Mercer produced only 2 points, but  
30 dished out 4 assists with only 1 turnover; and

31 WHEREAS, student athletes Mia Hollingsworth, Missy  
32 Odom, and Idaysia Mercer were honored with selection for the  
33 Class 5A Girls All-Tourney Team; and

34 WHEREAS, the Jasper High School Girls Basketball  
35 Program has been superbly coached and inspired by Head  
36 Varsity Coach Blake Laney and Assistant Coaches Vess  
37 Hollingsworth and Jackee Key; under their leadership the  
38 players have broadened their knowledge of the game, refined  
39 their skills in execution, and furthered the tradition of  
40 superior play and true sportsmanship; and

41 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Jasper High School Girls  
42 Basketball team ended the season with an overall record of  
43 31-4, which is the second-most wins in school history; they  
44 distinctively broke the AHSAA State record by completing 22  
45 three-shots made in a single game; went 6-0 in 5A Area 10  
46 play; are the Regular Season 5A Area 10 Champions and the  
47 Northwest Regional Champions; their successes reflect their  
48 resiliency and ability to exceed expectations; they have  
49 proven that determination and strategic gameplay can lead to  
50 excellence; and

51 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Jasper High School Girls  
52 Championship roster includes seniors, Idaysia Mercer,  
53 Jakayla Kirk, Hallie Harrell, Ally Grace Salors, and Mia  
54 Hollingsworth; Sophomores, Marianna Rigsby, DeCaleigh  
55 Calvin, and Missy Odom; Freshmen, Gracen Norris and Emma Lou  
56 Franks; and 8th Grader, Sara Katherine Bonner; now



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57 therefore,

58 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
59 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Jasper High School Girls  
60 Basketball Team and Coaches are highly commended and  
61 congratulated for winning its first AHSAA Basketball State  
62 Championship, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to them  
63 with utmost admiration, along with sincere best wishes for  
64 continued success in all future endeavors.