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HR_____ COMMENDING THE FAIRFIELD TIGERS AND COACH MAURICE FORD FOR WINNING THE 2026 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly presented to the Fairfield High Preparatory School Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2026 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 4A Boys Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Tigers defeated Ashville 65-42 on March 6, 2026, at Legacy Arena; the team dominated early in the game with a 15-2 lead and closed with a 16-4 run in the final period; despite a brief third-quarter surge by Ashville, Fairfield's superior rebounding and 22 points of turnovers solidified the victory; this marks the team's third state title since 2020 under the leadership of Head Coach Maurice Ford; and

WHEREAS, standout athletes included Milton Jones, who led Fairfield with 20 points, 11 rebounds, and three blocked shots and earned Class 4A state tournament MVP honors; Eric Williams, who added 17 points and four assists; and Jalen Kidd, who had 17 points and 13 rebounds; and

WHEREAS, the talented athletes on the Fairfield High Preparatory Championship Basketball Team are Jabarion Williams, Dajuan McKinney, Eric Williams, Milton Jones,



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29 Carlos Scroggins, Jr., Jayden Johnson, Justin Murray, Corey
30 White, Jr., Jalen Kidd, and Antonio Combe; and

31 WHEREAS, the exemplary coaching and support staff
32 includes Head Coach Maurice Ford; Associate Head Coach
33 Randal Smith; Assistant Coaches Patrick Handley, Travis
34 Harper, Javon Duncan, Maurice Lynn, and Joseph Martin;
35 Managers Jaden Robinson and Jakiya Rudolph; Director of
36 Operations Tynesha Speights; and Bookkeeper Kanidra
37 Stringer; and

38 WHEREAS, Head Coach Maurice Ford has over 20 years of
39 coaching experience at Fairfield High Preparatory School;
40 under his leadership, Fairfield has become a dominant force
41 in Alabama high school basketball, achieving multiple state
42 titles; his teams are known for disciplined defense, strong
43 rebounding, and effective teamwork, reflecting Coach Ford's
44 coaching philosophy; and

45 WHEREAS, the Fairfield Boys Basketball Team's success
46 is a tremendous source of pride for the members' families,
47 classmates, teachers, administrators, and the entire
48 community, whose dedication and support have played a
49 crucial role in motivating the team; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Fairfield High Preparatory
52 School 2026 Boys Basketball Team and coaches are highly
53 honored and commended on winning the AHSAA Class 4A Boys
54 Basketball State Championship Title, and we hereby dedicate
55 this resolution to them in utmost admiration, along with
56 best wishes for continued success.