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SJR___ COMMENDING THE MONTGOMERY ACADEMY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 BOYS CLASS 3A ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, we join the students, coaches, parents, and faculty at The Montgomery Academy in celebrating the 2026 Boys Class 3A Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2026, at the BJCC Legacy Arena in Birmingham, The Montgomery Academy Eagles, through teamwork, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, defeated the Southside-Selma Panthers with a decisive 66-39 victory; this win marks the team's second straight Class 3A state title and solidifies its status as one of the elite programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles used a tenacious defense that smothered the Panthers' offense from the start and limited Southside's shooting percentage to just 27.1 percent for the game; by halftime, they had already pushed out to a 20-point lead and were well on their way to victory; and

WHEREAS, on a team filled with championship-caliber athletes, several players delivered notable performances; Braden Gordon scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds to earn Class 3A State Tournament MVP honors; joining him on the All-Tournament Team are Mason Ellis, who scored 14 points,



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29 and Jarrett Friendly, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds; and

30 WHEREAS, The Montgomery Academy Eagles have been
31 expertly coached and inspired by Head Coach Jeremy Arant and
32 assistant coaches Glenn Sylvest, Reg Mantooth, Gerald
33 Williams, and John Williams; under their leadership, in
34 addition to winning back-to-back state championships, the
35 2025-2026 Eagles finished with a 28-7 record; and

36 WHEREAS, the talented athletes on The Montgomery
37 Academy Championship Basketball Team are Rob Ashworth,
38 Chapman Baker, Mason Ellis, Jarrett Friendly, Braden Gordon,
39 Paxton Haigler, JayJay Jackson, Robert McGaughey, Caleb
40 Myles, Blake Parnell, Will Renfroe, Vincent Desautels,
41 Parker Mantooth, Harris Armstrong, Jabari Burton, and John
42 Harris Taylor; and

43 WHEREAS, The Montgomery Academy Boys Basketball
44 Team's noteworthy success is a tremendous source of pride
45 for their families, classmates, teachers, administration,
46 and the entire MA community, whose support and encouragement
47 have played an important role in motivating the team; now
48 therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
50 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That The Montgomery Academy Boys
51 Basketball Team is hereby highly honored and commended for
52 winning the 2026 AHSAA Class 3A State Basketball
53 Championship, and this resolution is dedicated to the team
54 with highest admiration and best wishes for continued
55 success in all future endeavors.