

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Central Private School boys basketball team for winning the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools overall basketball championship.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned that the Central Private School boys basketball team recently won the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools overall basketball championship, including all classifications; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels valiantly fought to a 74-67 comeback win against Jackson Prep, which had suffered just one regular season loss all year — against Central Private, a game in which the Rebels battled from a 15-point second-half deficit to dethrone the defending champions, becoming not only the first team in school history to lift the trophy, but the first team from Louisiana to capture the elusive Gold Ball in the forty-four year history of the MAIS; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate victory came just one week after Central Private lost its Class AA State Championship game to Marshall as the team used the state championship loss as a learning experience for the overall title; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels compiled a record of 29-4 and was ranked the number one team in the state by the Clarion-Ledger all season; and

WHEREAS, senior stand out Simpson Anderson was chosen as the league's MVP, and the Rebels also had two Australian foreign exchange students make first team All MAIS; and

WHEREAS, the team included Simpson Anderson, Jordan Bowers, Jayden Cohen, Carlos Emanuel, Syrshawn Fitch, Thomas Kelly, Caleb Kerstens, Alec Martin, Daniel McNamara, Devante Scott, Liam Thomas, and Loyd Ussery; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Coach Henry Gantz, who at age twenty-nine was

the youngest coach in MAIS history to win the overall championship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the Central Private School boys basketball team for winning the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools overall basketball championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Henry Gantz.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE