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SJR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE MARS HILL BIBLE SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, we take great pride and pleasure in congratulating the Mars Hill Bible School Basketball Team, from Florence, Alabama, on winning the 2024 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 2A Boys Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2024, at the BJCC Legacy Arena, the Panthers, through teamwork, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, earned the school's first boys basketball state championship with a 56-42 victory over Highland Home; and

WHEREAS, on a team filled with exceptional athletes, several players stood out for their game-changing play; Carson Thrasher led Mars Hill with 16 points, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range, and earned Class 2A state tournament MVP honors; J.O. Owens added 10 points and five assists; Eli Pounders had 10 points, six rebounds, and three steals; and Sam Sweatt contributed 10 points, seven rebounds, and four blocked shots; and

WHEREAS, Carson Thrasher (MVP), Cannon Pigg, and Eli Pounders displayed an exemplary representation of skill and sportsmanship in the tournament and were named to the Class



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29 2A Boys' All-Tournament Team; and

30 WHEREAS, the Mars Hill Bible School Boys Basketball  
31 Program has been superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach  
32 Jeremy Pounders and Assistant Coaches Ty Rymes, Sam  
33 Abernathy and Steven Cohen; under their leadership the  
34 players have broadened their knowledge of the game, refined  
35 their skills in execution, and maintained the tradition of  
36 superior play and true sportsmanship; and

37 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Mars Hill Bible School Boys  
38 Championship roster includes Seniors, Jay Grant, J.O. Owens,  
39 Carson Thrasher, Ben Bretherick, Jackson Moore, and Tyler  
40 Jarrett; Juniors, Tate Barrier, Tanner Caudle, Eli Pounders,  
41 Cannon Pigg, Sam Sweatt, Oakley Bevis, Winn Crook, and  
42 William Mann; and Freshman, Brooks Campbell; and

43 WHEREAS, the Mars Hill Bible School Boys Varsity  
44 Basketball Team is the pride of the students, parents,  
45 staff, alumni, loyal fans, and the entire community of  
46 Florence; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Mars Hill Bible School  
49 Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Jeremy Pounders are  
50 highly honored and commended on earning the 2024 AHSAA Class  
51 2A Basketball Championship Title, and we hereby dedicate  
52 this resolution to them with utmost admiration, along with  
53 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.