

Senate Resolution 528

By: Senators Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mario Lemons Jr. for winning the 2024-2025 GHSA Class A Division I Boys
2 State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the BEST Academy boys basketball team has established and maintained a
4 proud tradition of excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and

5 WHEREAS, excellent play, superior teamwork, and extraordinary resilience made this team
6 a spectacular one to observe throughout the season, and as a fitting finale to its remarkable
7 2025 campaign, the team captured its first-ever state championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
9 athletic ability, dedication, hard work, and unity of purpose and spirit of each member of the
10 team; its superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of coaches Brian
11 Weeden, Mario Lemons Sr., Damian Goodwin, and Jessica Johnson; and

12 WHEREAS, the team was further supported throughout the season by Managers ZaMya
13 Wallace and Taylor Roach'e as well as Athletic Trainer Lance Hibbert-Parrish; and

14 WHEREAS, this all-star team included Xion Evans #1, Jacob Mickell #4, Nicholas Dozier
15 #10, Alexander Barrett #11, Mario Lemons Jr. #14, Joshua Mickell #15, Wendell Brown Jr.
16 #21, and Curtis Martin #25; and

17 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
18 performing with courage and precision over months of training and competition, it is
19 abundantly proper to call them champions.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 congratulate Mario Lemons Jr. for winning the 2024-2025 GHSA Class A Division I Boys
22 State Basketball Championship and extend best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mario Lemons Jr.