

By: Representatives Markham, Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SMITHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SEMINOLES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR
3 OUTSTANDING 1998-1999 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 1A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Smithville High School Seminoles Football Team
6 finished the 1998-1999 season with a remarkable record of 14 wins
7 and no losses; and

8 WHEREAS, the Seminoles fought and defeated Noxapater,
9 Vardaman and Durant in the state playoffs and won the Class 1A
10 State Championship by defeating Pelahatchie; and

11 WHEREAS, the Seminoles set a new school record, scoring a
12 total of 621 points during the season while limiting their
13 opponents to a total of only 252 points; and

14 WHEREAS, the Smithville High School Seminoles averaged 44.3
15 points per game, which was the highest in the state for all
16 classifications;

17 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
18 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play
19 this season, including: the naming of Matt Grier to the All-State
20 Team; the selection of Matt Grier, Willie Lopez and Jordan
21 Summerford to the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal All-Area;
22 the naming of Howard Denson, Randy Duncan, Chad Gipson, Matt
23 Grier, John Harris, Willie Lopez and Jordan Summerford to the
24 First Team All-Division 1 Class 1A; the selection of Matt Grier
25 and Willie Lopez as The Clarion-Ledger Player of the Week; and the
26 naming of Matt Grier as the All-Division 1 Class 1A Most Valuable
27 Player; and

28 WHEREAS, the Smithville High School Seminoles have been
29 superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Dwight Bowling and
30 Assistant Coaches Shay Cooper, Lee Gardner and Phil Webb, who have
31 broadened the Seminoles' knowledge of the game and refined their
32 skills in execution; and

33 WHEREAS, Head Coach Bowling has brought additional honor to
34 Smithville High School for being named the Northeast Mississippi
35 Daily Journal Coach of the Year and The Clarion-Ledger Coach of
36 the Week; and

37 WHEREAS, Assistant Coaches Shay Cooper, Lee Gardner and Phil
38 Webb were selected as the Monroe County Coaching Staff of the Year
39 and the Division 1 Class 1A Coaching Staff of the Year; and

40 WHEREAS, Smithville won the State Championship in 1993, but
41 this is the first undefeated state championship team in the
42 school's history; and

43 WHEREAS, the Seminoles have developed a winning and
44 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their
45 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual
46 players and their coaches and bring honor to Smithville High
47 School; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
49 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
50 our state, who are its future:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
53 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Smithville High
54 School Seminoles Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach
55 Dwight Bowling and Assistant Coaches Shay Cooper, Lee Gardner and
56 Phil Webb, for their phenomenal 1998-1999 season, for winning the
57 Class 1A Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to
58 their athletic endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Smithville High School, Head Coach Dwight Bowling and

61 Assistant Coaches Shay Cooper, Lee Gardner and Phil Webb.