

By: Representative Read

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 160

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 GAUTIER HIGH SCHOOL GATORS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
3 1998 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE DISTRICT 8 CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Gautier High School Gators Football Team
5 finished the regular season with a perfect record of 11 wins and
6 no losses for the second year in a row; and

7 WHEREAS, the Gators also won the District 8 Class 4A
8 Championship and advanced to the second round of the state
9 playoffs, despite injuries of several key players and significant
10 coaching changes; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Gators scored a total of
12 415 points and allowed their opponents to score a total of only
13 136 points; and

14 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed among the
15 players, including the selection of Ray Ray Biviens, John Brady,
16 Michael Burbage, Sidney Dumas, Kleon Irving, Muncie Jones and
17 Travis Stephenson to the All-District Team; the naming of Sidney
18 Dumas as the District's Most Valuable Offensive Back and the Sun
19 Herald Player of the Year; and the selection of Travis Stephenson
20 as the District's Most Valuable Defensive Back; and

21 WHEREAS, the Gators have been superbly coached and inspired
22 by Head Coach Donald Nelson and Assistant Coaches Eric Denmark,
23 Leonard Fairley, Greg Freeman, Marcus High, Bob Ladnier, Robert
24 Wells and Johnny Zelenka, who have broadened the players'
25 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Donald Nelson has brought additional honor to

27 Gautier High School by being named the District 8 Coach of the
28 Year; and

29 WHEREAS, the Gators developed a winning and cooperative
30 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
31 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
32 their coaches and bring honor to Gautier High School; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young
35 people of our state, who are its future:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
38 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Gautier High School
39 Gators Football Team and Head Coach Donald Nelson and Assistant
40 Coaches Eric Denmark, Leonard Fairley, Greg Freeman, Marcus High,
41 Bob Ladnier, Robert Wells and Johnny Zelenka, for their
42 outstanding 1998 season, for winning the District 8 Championship
43 and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Gautier High School, Head Coach Donald Nelson and
46 Assistant Coaches Eric Denmark, Leonard Fairley, Greg Freeman,
47 Marcus High, Bob Ladnier, Robert Wells and Johnny Zelenka and
48 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

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