

By: Representative Read

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 160  
(As Adopted by House)

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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