

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 622  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 1998-1999  
2 VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL "MISSY GATORS" GIRLS SOCCER TEAM FOR THEIR  
3 OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT STATE  
4 TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, the 1998-1999 Vicksburg High School "Missy Gators"  
6 Girls Soccer Team has again reached the penthouse of Mississippi  
7 prep soccer by beating Oak Grove 3-2 to win their second straight  
8 Girls State Soccer Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, the "Missy Gators" Soccer Team has a 15-1 playoff  
10 record and has played in all four title games after winning the  
11 inaugural state championship, and there is already talk of winning  
12 a fourth title next year; and

13 WHEREAS, Vicksburg had an exceptional season, finishing the  
14 year at 19-2 after early losses, and was ranked No. 1 in the poll;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the team was greatly assisted by "Parade"  
17 All-American Kristin Chapman, whose combination of talent, speed  
18 and savvy along with her 31 goals will be missed next year when  
19 Kristin will play for defending national champion Florida; and

20 WHEREAS, the "Missy Gators" were well and ably coached by  
21 Head Coach Kevin Manton, who, along with Athletic Director John  
22 White and School Principal Kermit Harness, were an essential part  
23 of the team's success; and

24 WHEREAS, Principal Kermit Harness was named Vicksburg-Warren  
25 Schools 1998-1999 Administrator of the Year, and under his  
26 leadership the school was awarded the United States Department of  
27 Education "Top School," and the former teacher's awards include:

28 "Star Teacher," Outstanding Band Master, Educator of the Year,  
29 United Way Community Service Award, Outstanding Service Award and  
30 Outstanding Contribution to International Education and  
31 Understanding; and

32 WHEREAS, the following were the team's seven graduating  
33 seniors:

34	NAME	POSITION
35	Marcy Tanner	Fullback/Halfback
36	Erin Baylot	Halfback/Forward
37	Megan Tubman	Fullback/Halfback
38	Angela Opoka	Fullback
39	Chealcey Wilson	Forward/Halfback
40	Erin Brock	Halfback/Forward
41	Kristin Chapman	Halfback/Forward; and

42 WHEREAS, the Legislature is proud to recognize the  
43 achievements of this student athlete team which has set the  
44 standard for championship soccer in Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
47 we do hereby congratulate the 1998-1999 Vicksburg High School  
48 "Missy Gators" Girls Soccer Team for winning their second straight  
49 state championship, their third title in four years, and with them  
50 success in future seasons and endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 presented to Vicksburg High School Principal Kermit Harness and  
53 Head Coach Kevin Manton on behalf of the team, and that copies be  
54 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.