

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83
(As Adopted by Senate)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| 33 | NAME | POSITION |
|----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 34 | Marcy Tanner | Fullback/Halfback |
| 35 | Erin Baylot | Halfback/Forward |
| 36 | Megan Tubman | Fullback/Halfback |
| 37 | Angela Opoka | Fullback |
| 38 | Chealcey Wilson | Forward/Halfback |
| 39 | Erin Brock | Halfback/Forward |
| 40 | Kristin Chapman | Halfback/Forward; and |

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

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

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