A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WINSTON ACADEMY PATRIOTS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING 1999 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Winston Academy Patriots Football Team finished the 1999 season with a remarkable record of 12 wins and only two losses; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots played exceptionally well in the playoffs this year, winning the District 3 Class AA Championship and the Class AA State Championship, which is the school's fifth state title; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots overwhelmed and totally dominated their opponents throughout the season, leading the MPSA in scoring and defensive statistics; and

WHEREAS, many members of the team have received recognition for their hard work, dedication and superior play this season, including the naming of Matt Young to the South All-Stars Team; the selection of Matt Young, Jonathan Haggard, Nathan Gresham, Brent Howell, Robert Prisock, Brandon Simpson, B.J. Triplett, Taylor McNeel, Clay Cockrell, Scott Peterson, Wesley Wright, Ray Triplett, Lenny Boatner and Jason Fulcher to the All-Conference Team; and the naming of Chris Eaves, Ryan Sylvester, Casey Batner and Casey Smith to the All-Conference Honorable Mention; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots have been superbly coached and inspired this season by Head Coach Wyatt Rodgers and Assistant Coaches Wayne Gordon, Michael Specs, Clay Ward and Joe Ward, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rodgers has brought additional honor to himself and to Winston Academy by being selected as an Assistant Coach for the South All-Stars team; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots have received the support and encouragement of the team statistician, Wendell Womack; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots have developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring honor to Winston Academy; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of our state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Winston Academy Patriots Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach Wyatt Rodgers and Assistant Coaches Wayne Gordon, Michael Specs, Clay Ward and Joe Ward for their outstanding 1999 season, for winning the Class AA State Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Winston Academy, Head Coach Wyatt Rodgers and Assistant Coaches Wayne Gordon, Michael Specs, Clay Ward and Joe Ward and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.