

By: Representatives Warren, Eaton

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING  
3 2001-2002 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL  
4 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Collins High School Tigers Football Team  
6 finished the 2001-2002 season with a remarkable record of 13 wins  
7 and only two losses; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout the regular season and playoffs, the  
9 Wildcats fought and defeated many well-contended teams, and  
10 captured the Mississippi High School Activities Association  
11 (MHSAA) Class 3A State Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2001-2002 team for the Collins High Tigers made  
13 history by capturing the school's first championship; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship game,  
15 the Tigers won the Region 6 District championship and the South  
16 State championship; and

17 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon  
18 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and  
19 superior play and their hard work this season, including the  
20 signing of seven players for college scholarships; and

21 WHEREAS, the Collins High Tigers have been superbly coached  
22 and inspired by Head Coach Bruce Merchant and Assistant Coaches  
23 Thomas Bender, Adam Thompson and Kevin Jackson, who have broadened  
24 the Tigers' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
25 execution; and

26 WHEREAS, Head Coach Bruce Merchant has brought additional  
27 honor to himself and to Collins High by being named M.A.C. State  
28 3A Coach of the Year; and



29           WHEREAS, the Collins High Tigers have been supported in their  
30 athletic endeavors and can attribute much of their success to the  
31 many parents, fans and supporters whose moral and spiritual  
32 encouragement have remained fervent throughout the season; and

33           WHEREAS, the Tigers have developed a winning and cooperative  
34 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities  
35 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and  
36 their coaches and bring honor to Collins High; and

37           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
38 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of  
39 our state, who are its future:

40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
42 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Collins  
43 High School Tigers Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach  
44 Bruce Merchant, and Assistant Coaches Thomas Bender, Adam Thompson  
45 and Kevin Jackson for their phenomenal 2001-2002 season, for  
46 winning the MHSAA Class 3A State Championship and for displaying  
47 tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

48           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 furnished to Collins High School Head Coach Bruce Merchant,  
50 Assistant Coaches Thomas Bender, Adam Thompson, Kevin Jackson and  
51 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

