

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Harden

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 602

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM OF CHRIST MISSIONARY & INDUSTRIAL
3 COLLEGE AND METRO COACH-OF-THE-YEAR VICTOR EVANS FOR WINNING THE
4 MISSISSIPPI PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ACADEMY OVERALL
5 CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Varsity Boys Basketball Team of Christ
7 Missionary & Industrial College (High School) set and achieved its
8 goal to be winners in the 2001-2002 season; and

9 WHEREAS, the team excelled by defeating several Academy AAAA
10 schools this season. Among those were Jackson Academy, Hillcrest,
11 Jackson Prep and Madison-Ridgeland Academy. C. M. & I. also won
12 the Jackson Academy Invitational Tournament. The varsity team
13 took first place in its conference; and

14 WHEREAS, in tournament play, they were District 4-A
15 Champions, Central Class A Champions, State A Champions and MPSA
16 ACADEMY OVERALL CHAMPIONS; C. M. & I. ended the season with an
17 outstanding record of 35 wins and 7 losses; and

18 WHEREAS, honors received by players are as follows: Academy
19 Overall Tournament Team - Julius Love, Landon Veal, Adrian
20 Carpenter, Jason Berry and Kareem Burnett; All-Conference - Jason
21 Berry, Kareem Burnett, Landon Veal and Julius Love; All-District -
22 Jason Berry, Kareem Burnett, Julius Love, Landon Veal and Adrian
23 Carpenter; All-Central State - Landon Veal, Jason Berry, Julius
24 Love and Justin Carter; All-State - Julius Love, Landon Veal,
25 Jason Berry and Kareem Burnett; First Team MPSA - Landon Veal;
26 Second Team MPSA - Julius Love; Clarion Ledger - Julius Love; all
27 five starters made top performance at least once during the season



28 - Julius Love, Justin Carter, Landon Veal, Kareem Burnett, Jason
29 Berry and Adrian Carpenter; and

30 WHEREAS, the team was guided by Head Coach Victor Evans,
31 Assistant Coach Larry McCoy and Junior High Coach Leroy Oatis.
32 Coach Evans was named Metro Coach-of-the-Year. Coach Evans is a
33 native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Callaway High
34 School and attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas where he
35 lettered in basketball for three years. He played professional
36 basketball for one season with the Albuquerque Silvers in New
37 Mexico. Upon returning to Jackson, Mississippi, he continued to
38 work in the community volunteering his services to inner city and
39 at-risk children through various sports programs; being a former
40 student of C. M. & I., his passion for the school was rekindled in
41 1999 when he returned to the school to help revive the athletic
42 program; and

43 WHEREAS, the road to the MPSA Championship was an uphill
44 battle. Building off of Coach Vic's motto, "We will never give
45 up!" the team took the challenge to go to the top. The Varsity
46 Boys Basketball Team consisted of the following players: Jason
47 Berry-Guard-Senior, Landon Veal-Guard-Junior, Justin
48 Carter-Guard-Junior, Jason Carter-Guard-Junior, Theron
49 White-Guard-Junior, Jessie Benfield-Forward, Kareem
50 Burnett-Forward-Senior, Julius Love-Forward-Junior, Adrian
51 Carpenter-Forward-Junior, Antonio Clincy-Forward-Senior, Calvin
52 Thompson-Forward-Freshman; Jeremy Robinson and Roderick Shinnard,
53 Managers; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
55 accomplishments of this dedicated group of student athletes, who
56 have brought honor to their school, their community, and to the
57 State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Varsity Boys Basketball



61 Team of Christ Missionary & Industrial College (C. M. & I.) and
62 Metro Coach-of-the-Year Victor Evans for winning the Mississippi
63 Private School Association Academy Overall Championship, and wish
64 the team continued success in its future athletic and scholastic
65 endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
67 Coach Evans and the C. M. & I. team and Headmaster Darel Thigpen,
68 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

