

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL "ADMIRALS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
3 THE 2002 CLASS 5A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School "Admirals" Boys Basketball
5 Team are the 2002 Class 5A State Champions; and

6 WHEREAS, the Admirals steamrolled through the regular season
7 with a perfect record; and

8 WHEREAS, the Admirals finished with an impressive record of
9 37 wins and only 1 loss; and

10 WHEREAS, in their march to the championship, the Admirals won
11 the Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic, the St. Tammany Parish
12 Shootout, the Division 8-5A Tournament and were runner-ups in the
13 South State Tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, the Admirals avenged their only loss of the season
15 by defeating arch-rival Harrison Central in one of the most
16 exciting comebacks in the history of the State Championship
17 Tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, showing the tenacity and resiliency that is hallmark
19 of championship teams, the Admirals rallied from a 6-point deficit
20 with two minutes to play and went on to defeat their arch-rivals
21 by the score of 75-63 in overtime; and

22 WHEREAS, in the State Semifinal Game, the "never-say-die"
23 Admirals staged one of the most torrid and improbable comebacks in
24 tournament history when they rallied from a 10-point deficit with
25 less than three minutes to play and went on to defeat Natchez
26 89-77 in overtime; and



27 WHEREAS, several individual team members received special
28 recognition for their outstanding play during the season with
29 Henry Salter, A.J. Magee, Tim Holmes and James Bryant garnering
30 All-Gulf Coast honors, and Henry Salter also garnering First Team
31 All-State honors; and

32 WHEREAS, other members of this outstanding team included:
33 Tyshawn Brown, Chris Keyes, Purvis McBride, Aaron Durr, Nigel
34 Jordan, Courtenay Brown, Duran Eckford, David Blakley, Terrall
35 Brown, Allan Harper, Daron Moore and Malcolm Woods; and

36 WHEREAS, this championship team was molded by Coach Bryan
37 Caldwell and Assistant Coach, Tori Holloway; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach Bryan Caldwell was recognized as *The Clarion*
39 *Ledger* Boys Basketball Coach of the Year and *The Sun Herald* Gulf
40 Coast Coach of the Year; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize
42 and commend the outstanding accomplishments of student athletes:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Gulfport High School
46 "Admirals" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Bryan Caldwell and
47 Assistant Coach Tori Holloway for winning the 2002 Class 5A State
48 Championship.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to the Gulfport High School "Admirals" Boys Basketball
51 Team.

