HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WAYNE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WAR EAGLES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 2002-2003 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Wayne County High School War Eagles Football Team finished the 2002-2003 season with an exceptional record of 14-1; and

WHEREAS, throughout their season, the War Eagles participated in several playoffs, which included victories as the 5A District Champions, 5A South State Champions and 5A State Champions and were ranked number one in The Clarion-Ledger poll and ranked number one in the A.P. poll; and

WHEREAS, the War Eagles were superbly coached and inspired by Coach Marcus Boyles; defensive coordinator, Todd Mangum; and assistant coaches, Tim Blackwell, Marvin Chapman, Joey Culotta, Mike Gavin, Kelly Murphy, Will Mason and Steve Womack; who have broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, Coach Marcus Boyles has brought additional honor to himself and to Wayne County High School by being selected as Coach of the Year by The Clarion-Ledger; and

WHEREAS, several of the War Eagles have been recognized for their hard work, dedication and superior play this season including the naming of Akeem Lofton and Steve Gandy as All-State Players, and the selection of Marzell McGill, Cedric Jones, Akeem Lofton and Steve Gandy as WDAM All-Area Team Members; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne County High School War Eagles have developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of
ST: Commend Wayne County High School War Eagles for winning state championship.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young people 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 do hereby commend and congratulate the Wayne County High School War Eagles Football Team and Coach Marcus Boyles for their outstanding 2002-2003 season, for winning the state championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Wayne County High School, Coach Marcus Boyles and members of the Capitol Press Corps.