

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 2002
3 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND
4 CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Collins High School Tigers Football Team
6 finished the 2002 season with an exceptional record of 15-0 and
7 captured the Class 3A State Championship for the second
8 consecutive year, which resulted in their being ranked Number 3 in
9 The Clarion-Ledger poll and Number 2 in the A.P. poll; and

10 WHEREAS, along the way to their state championship, the
11 Tigers won the Class 3A Region 6 Championship and the Class 3A
12 South State Championship and scored an average of 39.5 points per
13 game while allowing only 8.5 points per game; and

14 WHEREAS, the Tigers were superbly coached and inspired by
15 Coach Bruce Merchant and assistant coaches Kevin Jackson, Adam
16 Thompson, Thomas Bender, Tim Story, Kelly Murphy, Will Mason and
17 Steve Womack, who have broadened the players' knowledge of the
18 game and refined their skills in execution; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Merchant has brought additional honor to
20 himself and to Collins High School by being selected by the
21 Mississippi Association of Coaches as both the 2002 Class 3A Coach
22 of the Year and the 2002 Overall Coach of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, several of the Tigers have been recognized for their
24 hard work, dedication and superior play this season, including the
25 recognition of Corey Clark, Kethone McLaurin, and Brandon McDonald
26 as Class 3A All-State Players, the selection of Corey Clark and
27 Voncarie Owens as The Clarion-Ledger All-State Players, and the



28 recognition of Corey Clark as the Class 3A Most Valuable Player;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, the Tigers have developed a winning and cooperative
31 spirit and a superb degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
32 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
33 their coaches and bring great honor to Collins High School; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
35 Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when
36 evidenced by the young people of our state, who are its future:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Collins High School
40 Tigers Football Team and Coach Bruce Merchant for their
41 outstanding 2002 season, for winning the Class 3A State
42 Championship for the second consecutive year, and for displaying
43 tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Collins High School, Coach Bruce Merchant, his
46 assistant coaches and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

