

By: Senator(s) Harvey, Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH BRUCE  
3 MERCHANT FOR THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE AAA CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the undefeated 2002 edition of the Collins High  
5 School "Tigers" Football Team repeated as Class AAA State  
6 Champions; and

7 WHEREAS, the Tigers were ranked Number 1 every week of the  
8 2002 Regular Season (wire-to-wire), accumulating an outstanding  
9 15-0 record; and

10 WHEREAS, the Tigers won the Division 6 Championship and the  
11 South State Regional Championship on their way to the AAA State  
12 Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, the following team members were recognized for  
14 outstanding play: Corey Clark, All-District, All-State; Brandon  
15 McDonald, All-District, All-State; Kethone McLourin, All-District,  
16 All-State; Tyrus Booker, All-District, All-State; VonCoric Owens,  
17 All-District, All-State; Darren Magee, All-District; Arkeith  
18 Cozort, All-District; and Thomas Wheeler, All-District; and

19 WHEREAS, the team was ably coached by Coach Bruce Merchant  
20 and Assistant Coaches Kevin Jackson, Thomas Bender, Adam Thompson  
21 and Tim Story, who instilled football fundamentals and a winning  
22 team attitude; and

23 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
24 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
25 community and to the State of Mississippi:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



28 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Collins High School  
29 "Tigers" Football Team and Coach Bruce Merchant for their second  
30 consecutive Class AAA State Championship and outstanding 2002  
31 season, and wish them continued success in their future athletic  
32 and academic endeavors.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
34 presented to Coach Merchant and the Principal of Collins High  
35 School on behalf of the team and be made available to the Capitol  
36 Press Corps.

