

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 593

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 RIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL "LADY TIGERS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
3 THE FIRST STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

4 WHEREAS, before an estimated crowd of 4,500 on Saturday,
5 March 8, 2003, at the Mississippi Coliseum, the Ripley High School
6 "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team beat West Lauderdale 50-43 in the
7 Class 3A State Championship game and won the first girls
8 basketball title in school history; and

9 WHEREAS, Ripley, ranked No. 12 in *The Clarion-Ledger* final
10 regular season public school poll, finished the season with an
11 outstanding record of 32-3, and won the division and regional
12 tournaments on their way to the state tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the victory over West Lauderdale was a rematch of
14 last year's 3A semifinal game when Ripley was edged 54-53 in the
15 final seconds; and

16 WHEREAS, with the win, Coach Shane Montgomery claimed his
17 first state championship, after losing two state titles when he
18 coached at Tremont; and

19 WHEREAS, Ripley's Miyorka Johnson scored 23 points to lead
20 her team to victory in the title game, making 9 of 11 shots from
21 the field and 3 of 6 from the free throw line with 8 rebounds, all
22 with a sprained ankle, and Krystle Holiday added 11 points for the
23 Lady Tigers; and

24 WHEREAS, after losing to West Lauderdale in last year's
25 semifinals, their hard work paid off, particularly in practicing
26 free throws prior to this championship game; and



27 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
28 special accomplishment by these student athletes who have brought
29 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
30 Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
33 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Ripley High School "Lady
34 Tigers" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Shane Montgomery for their
35 first state championship and their outstanding 2003 season and
36 wish them success in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 Coach Montgomery and the Lady Tigers, forwarded to the Principal
39 of Ripley High School and be made available to the Capitol Press
40 Corps.

