

By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 PRENTISS HIGH SCHOOL "BULLDOGS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING  
3 ITS FIRST STATE TITLE AND FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 2003 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 8, 2003, the Prentiss High School  
5 "Bulldogs" Boys Basketball Team dethroned defending Class 3A State  
6 Champion Corinth 59-52 at the Mississippi Coliseum before an  
7 estimated crowd of 4,500 to win its first-ever Class 3A State  
8 Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, Prentiss finished the 2002-2003 season with an  
10 outstanding record of 29-8 under Head Coach Lonnie McLemore, who  
11 claimed his first gold ball in a 33-year career; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs Dandy Dozen Junior Center Al Jefferson  
13 scored 45 points in the championship game, grabbed 15 rebounds,  
14 dunked 8 times and blocked 8 shots, scoring 23 consecutive points  
15 in the first half alone; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs placed 2nd in the District 7 Tournament  
17 and 3rd in the South State Regional Tournament on their way to the  
18 State Championship game, having placed 2nd in the Mendenhall  
19 Tournament and the Lawrence County Tournament and 3rd in the  
20 Forest Hill, Arkansas Tournament; and

21 WHEREAS, team leaders Al Jefferson and Bruce Harris were  
22 named to the All-State team, while Jefferson was named MVP and  
23 Best Offensive Player in District 7 and Harris was named to the  
24 All-District Team; and

25 WHEREAS, the team was ably coached by Lonnie McLemore and  
26 Assistant Coach Wanda Adra, who drilled the Bulldogs on the



27 man-to-man defensive press before the championship game and will  
28 cherish this state title for a long time; and

29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
30 first-ever achievement by these student athletes who have brought  
31 honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
32 Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
34 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
35 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Prentiss High School  
36 "Bulldogs" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Lonnie McLemore for  
37 winning their first-ever Class 3A State Championship and for their  
38 outstanding 2002-2003 season, and extend to them the best wishes  
39 of the Legislature for their future athletic and academic success.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
41 the Prentiss Bulldogs Basketball Team, Coach McLemore and the  
42 Principal of Prentiss High School, and be made available to the  
43 Capitol Press Corps.

