

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 BENOIT-RAY BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOR WINNING ITS FIRST-EVER  
3 CLASS 1A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND ITS OUTSTANDING  
4 2002-2003 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the Benoit-Ray Brooks High School "Tigers"  
6 Basketball Team won its first-ever Class 1A State Championship on  
7 Friday, March 7, 2003, with a thrilling 61-59 victory over Byers  
8 High School; and

9 WHEREAS, Ray Brooks High School is the smallest school in the  
10 State of Mississippi, with an enrollment of under 300 students,  
11 and with this victory, the student body and the community of  
12 Benoit went home with a championship to call their own; and

13 WHEREAS, this was the first championship for Ray Brooks High  
14 School, which completed this outstanding season with a record of  
15 20-8, and which is only in its second year of existence;  
16 originally, the students in Benoit attended West Bolivar in  
17 Rosedale, but these students have a new school to attend and a  
18 championship to celebrate as their own; and

19 WHEREAS, on their way to the State Championship, the Ray  
20 Brooks Tigers made history by winning their District Championship  
21 and the Class 1A South Half Title; and

22 WHEREAS, the Tigers were a very physical team, ably coached  
23 by Head Coach S.C. Cannon and Assistant Coaches Dexter Bryant,  
24 Jerry Walker, Terry Leonard and Peris Leonard; and

25 WHEREAS, the roster of this championship team is as follows:

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
26		
27	Ozell Baldrige, #3	Guard Senior
28	Latarris Howard, #12	Forward Senior
29	Lavoris Giles, #32	Center Junior



30	James Giles, #5	Guard	Junior
31	Prentiss Tyler, #21	Forward	Senior
32	Jeffrey Phillips, #15	Forward	Junior
33	Travis McGee, #4	Forward	Sophomore
34	Jimmie Kimble, #22	Guard	Sophomore
35	Larry Lawrence, #00	Guard	Senior
36	Eric Nelson, #14	Forward	Freshman
37	Kozialski Nelson, #55	Guard	8th Grade
38	Gerry Love, #20	Guard	Junior
39	Johnny Lewis and Wayne Leslie, Managers		
40	Greg Walker, Lakeisha Wilson, Statisticians		

41 WHEREAS, according to the players that made it happen,  
42 capturing the school's first state title was all a matter of  
43 having faith in each other; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the special  
45 accomplishments of this team which brought honor and identity to  
46 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Benoit-Ray Brooks High  
50 School "Tigers" Basketball Team and Head Coach S.C. Cannon for  
51 their first-ever State Class 1A Championship and their outstanding  
52 2002-2003 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the  
53 Legislature for future scholastic and athletic successes.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 Coach Cannon and the team and the Principal of Benoit-Ray Brooks  
56 High School, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

