SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<td>Ozell Baldridge, #3</td>
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<td>Latarris Howard, #12</td>
<td>Forward</td>
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<td>Lavoris Giles, #32</td>
<td>Center</td>
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James Giles, #5          Guard          Junior
Prentiss Tyler, #21      Forward      Senior
Jeffrey Phillips, #15    Forward      Junior
Travis McGee, #4         Forward      Sophomore
Jimmie Kimble, #22      Guard         Sophomore
Larry Lawrence, #00      Guard         Senior
Eric Nelson, #14         Forward      Freshman
Kozialski Nelson, #55    Guard         8th Grade
Gerry Love, #20          Guard         Junior
Johnny Lewis and Wayne Leslie, Managers
Greg Walker, Lakeisha Wilson, Statisticians

WHEREAS, according to the players that made it happen,

having faith in each other; and

WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the special

accomplishments of this team which brought honor and identity to

their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

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

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