

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 610

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 NORTHWEST RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL "COUGARS" BOYS SOCCER TEAM AND COACH  
3 CHRIS GARDNER FOR WINNING THE CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, speedy senior forward John Mark Tyler scored two  
5 goals to highlight the Northwest Rankin High School "Cougars" Boys  
6 Soccer Team to a 4-1 victory over Clinton High School for the  
7 Class 5A State Title on Saturday, February 8, 2003, before a  
8 raucous crowd of 2,000 in Pearl, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Northwest Rankin ranked No. 2 in *The Clarion-Ledger*  
10 poll, finished the season with an outstanding record of 22-1 and  
11 won its second 5A State championship in four years; and

12 WHEREAS, there may not be a quicker high school boys soccer  
13 player in Mississippi than John Tyler, 5'7", 155-pound speedster  
14 who scored a breakaway goal for a commanding 3-0 lead in the  
15 championship game, and added another in the 68th minute for good  
16 measure; and

17 WHEREAS, the team was inspired by six-year Coach Chris  
18 Gardner, who emphasized overall team quickness, agility, ball  
19 skills and hard work in establishing control of the tournament;  
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21 WHEREAS, experience was another key factor for the Cougars,  
22 who started eight seniors in the championship game and reached  
23 their third 5A final in four years, winning two of those contests;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the roster of the Cougars Championship Team is as  
26 follows: Brandon Amecker, freshman; Tommy Douglass, freshman;  
27 Hunter Flynt, freshman; Cody Bullman, sophomore; Kevin Conerly,



28 sophomore; Rucker Culpepper, sophomore; Stuart Davidson,  
29 sophomore; Rush Fentress, sophomore; Mike Lee, sophomore; Michael  
30 Longo, sophomore; Brent Sutherland, sophomore; Tyler Walker,  
31 sophomore; Mathew Walters, sophomore; Ryan Watson, freshman; Tommy  
32 Whitten, sophomore; Chris Young, sophomore; Jimmy Daniels, junior;  
33 Jon Huff, junior; Jake Milner, junior; Jesse Purvis, junior; Zach  
34 Scott, junior; Ragan Walters, junior; Chuck Crenshaw, senior; Will  
35 Dendinger, senior; Dane Hanson, senior; T-Mac Howard, senior;  
36 Brandon Kirksey, senior; Henry Minor, senior; Corey Naramore,  
37 senior; Cody Rogers, senior; Hunter Travis, senior; John Mark  
38 Tyler, senior; and Andy Williams, senior; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special  
40 accomplishments of this senior-dominated group of student  
41 athletes, who have brought honor to their school, their community  
42 and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northwest Rankin High  
46 School "Cougars" Boys Soccer Team and Coach Chris Gardner for  
47 winning the Class 5A State Championship and for their outstanding  
48 2002-2003 season, and wish them success in their future academic  
49 and athletic endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 the Cougars, Coach Gardner and the Principal of Northwest Rankin  
52 High School and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

