

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Dawkins, Hewes, Cuevas, Lee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE D'IBERVILLE
2 HIGH SCHOOL "WARRIORS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH LOUIS SMITH
3 FOR THEIR FIRST CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR
4 IMPRESSIVE 2002 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, Carlton Cotten ran for 233 yards on 33 carries and
6 three touchdowns as the D'Iberville High School "Warriors"
7 Football Team turned a close contest into a rout, winning their
8 first Class AAAA State Football Championship with a 33-7 victory
9 over West Point High School in the championship game in Jackson,
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, this D'Iberville "Warriors" team was the first
12 school from Harrison County to claim a state football title since
13 the inception of the present playoff system in 1981; and

14 WHEREAS, the Warriors had to bounce back from a
15 season-opening loss to Harrison Central and had to prove
16 themselves week after week, as they finished the 2002 season with
17 a 13-game winning streak and set a school record with 13
18 victories; and

19 WHEREAS, this excellent team won their Class AAAA Division
20 and Class AAAA South State Regional Tournament championships on
21 their way to the state title, and reached the title game with a
22 heart-stopping 20-17 victory against George County; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2002 State Championship Team included the
24 following members: #5 Brandon Seymour, #6 Jake Olier, #7 Sean
25 Surginer, #8 Jared Landrum, #10 Jason Hockaday, #11 Donald Noble,
26 #12 Chris Mabou, #13 Shane Wynn, #14 Joe Seidule, #15 Cory
27 Bateaste, #16 Wesley Ladner, #18 Nick Ladner, #19 Brett Palmer,
28 #20 Jeremiah Fish, #21 Tommy Searight, #22 Jeffrey Kovacevich, #23



29 Robby Ellis, #24 Darren McCaleb, #25 Mark Gonsoulin, #28 Gregory
30 Gollott, #30 Pete Jones, #31 Jeffrey Thomas, #32 Sean Cook, #33
31 Carlton Cotton, #35 Clarence Cotton, #36 John Hodgeson, #38 Derek
32 Bryant, #44 Austin Holley, #48 Richard Perdue, #49 John Davis, #50
33 Brandon Smith, #52 Zack Grady, #54 Josh Williams, #55 Jonathan
34 Parker; #56 Kofi Gordon, #58 Delmas Holley, #59 A.J. Petrucci, #60
35 Trey Christenson, #61 Dexter King, #62 Chris Martin, #64 Easu
36 Smith, #65 Lester Baldwin, #66 Joshua Hickman, #68 Keith Miller,
37 #72 Matthew Carr, #76 Jared Gale, #77 Sean McQueen, #78 Josh
38 Ladner, #80 Frank Schatzman, #81 Adam Kendrick, #82 Jordan
39 Fountain, #83 Corey Varnado, #84 Dee McGee, #85 Cliffey Roberts,
40 #86 Stephen Reeves, #87 David Harkey, #88 Robert Schatzman, #89
41 Joel Walker and #99 Sean Merrill; and

42 WHEREAS, the Warriors Football Team was ably led by Head
43 Coach Louis Smith and Assistant Coaches Eddie Wayne Whitehead,
44 Brad Talley, Keith Marsland, Ted Williams, Glenn Gehrman and Brad
45 Pickich, who began the season emphasizing a strong defense and
46 ended the championship tournament with a record-setting offense;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, the seniors on the 2002 Warriors, which included
49 quarterback Nick Ladner and tailback Carlton Cotten, has won 31 of
50 38 games in the last three years and are 23-3 during the last two
51 seasons, and the state title culminates a dream season; and

52 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
53 accomplishment of this group of student athletes, who have brought
54 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
55 Mississippi:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
58 D'Iberville High School "Warriors" Football Team and Coach Louis
59 Smith for their first Class AAAA State Championship and their
60 impressive 2002 regular season.



61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall
62 be presented to Coach Smith and the Principal of D'Iberville High
63 School on behalf of the team and be made available to the Sun
64 Herald and the Capitol Press Corps.

