

By: Senator(s) Walls, Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BENOIT-RAY
2 BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOR WINNING ITS FIRST-EVER CLASS 1A
3 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND ITS OUTSTANDING 2002-2003
4 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, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
49 Benoit-Ray Brooks High School "Tigers" Basketball Team and Head
50 Coach S.C. Cannon for their first-ever State Class 1A Championship
51 and their outstanding 2002-2003 season, and extend to them the
52 best wishes of the Legislature for future scholastic and athletic
53 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.

