

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Hamilton, Tollison,
King, Dickerson, Chamberlin, Nunnelee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE VICKSBURG HIGH
2 SCHOOL "GATORS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH DELLIE C. ROBINSON
3 FOR WINNING THE CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, they weren't ranked all season but the Vicksburg
5 High School "Gators" Boys Basketball Team promoted themselves by
6 winning the Class 5A State Championship Game on Friday, March 7,
7 2003, by defeating the Starkville Yellow Jackets 61-54 in overtime
8 in front of a raucous Mississippi Coliseum crowd of 5,500; and

9 WHEREAS, the Gators were the first team from Vicksburg to win
10 the State Championship since the 1979-1980 season when the highly
11 ranked team finished 40-5 and beat Callaway in the finals, and the
12 2002-2003 edition of the Gators was the first unranked team to win
13 the Championship since 1985 when Grenada beat Horn Lake; and

14 WHEREAS, Head Coach Dellie C. Robinson claimed his first
15 State Championship in 24 years of coaching, and led his team to an
16 outstanding 30-8 record for the season; and

17 WHEREAS, the Gators did well in tournament play, placing
18 Second in the Warren-Central Invitational, the Coca-Cola Classic,
19 winning the Division 4 Championship, then finishing Second in the
20 North State Regional Tournament before beating Moss Point,
21 Hattiesburg and Starkville in the State Championship Tournament;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the following team members received individual
24 honors: Devin Jones (All-District, All-North State and
25 All-State); Lemeria Scott (All-District, All-State); Jamaal Thomas
26 (All-District); and Roy Williams (All-District); and



27 WHEREAS, the "Gators" team members are as follows: Devin
28 Jones, Lemeria Scott, Jamaal Thomas, Roy Williams, Sedrick
29 Williams, Walter Beamon, Julian Tolliver, Cedric Parson, Johnny
30 Markham, Fred Thomas, Lakerious Williams, Albert Elmore, Alfred
31 Patton, Michael Watkins, Michael Smith and Brandon Harper;
32 Managers: Delmon Robinson, Lewis Thomas, Patrick Tucker and
33 Christopher Jones; and

34 WHEREAS, the team was ably led by Coach Dellie C. Robinson
35 and Assistant Coach Kerry Simmons, who instilled great
36 self-confidence in their team through persistent defense, and made
37 their team the best team in the state; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
39 outstanding achievement by this group of student athletes who have
40 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
41 Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
44 Vicksburg High School "Gators" Boys Basketball Team and Coach
45 Dellie C. Robinson for winning the Class 5A State Championship and
46 for their outstanding 2002-2003 season, and wish them continued
47 success in their academic and athletic endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Coach Robinson, Principal Charlie Tolliver and the team, and be
50 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

