

By: Senator(s) Farris

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HATTIESBURG  
2 HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR FIFTH MISSISSIPPI  
3 MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Hattiesburg High School claimed a record fifth State  
5 Championship in the Mississippi Mock Trial Championships held in  
6 Jackson, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, competing as champions of the Southern Region,  
8 Hattiesburg High School Team 1 and Hattiesburg High School Team 2  
9 closed out the final round of the state finals, taking first and  
10 second place respectively. The state contest has not had one  
11 school compete in the same championship round in over two decades;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Team 1, captained by Senior Susan McKay, defeated  
14 Jackson Area Home Schoolers, Long Beach, St. John's and North  
15 Delta Academy to advance to the final round which was held in The  
16 Mississippi Supreme Court Chamber.

17 WHEREAS, Team 2, led by Junior Ali McCoy, bested defending  
18 State Champions St. Andrews, Murrah, Warren Central and  
19 Mississippi School for Math and Science. The two undefeated  
20 Hattiesburg High School Teams met in the title match; and

21 WHEREAS, Team 1 will now represent Mississippi at the  
22 National Finals in New Orleans the first week in May 2003. Team 1  
23 consists of Grace Juneau, Chelsea Lovitt, Susan McKay and Scott  
24 Varnado, attorneys; and Kennon Hulett, Katie Mapp, Rachel Evanson,  
25 and Molly Southern, witnesses; Team 2 members are Stephen Goggin,  
26 Ali McCoy and Stephanie Willis, attorneys; Ben Anderson, Annie



27 Dixon, Grant McKay, Margaret Roberts and Britney Hickman,  
28 witnesses; and

29 WHEREAS, Michael Marks and R. Scott Waldrop served as teacher  
30 coaches. "Mississippi has only claimed the National Championship  
31 once in the history of the program", says Hattiesburg Attorney  
32 Carey Varnado, who serves as attorney coach for the team. "It's  
33 time that changed"; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique  
35 accomplishment of this brilliant team of Mississippi students,  
36 whose practice and hard work have brought honor to their school,  
37 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
40 Hattiesburg High School Mock Trial Team and their sponsors for  
41 winning their fifth Mississippi Mock Trial Championship and extend  
42 to them the best wishes of the Senate as they represent  
43 Mississippi in the national competition held in New Orleans,  
44 Louisiana, and in their future academic endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to  
46 the Hattiesburg High School Mock Trial Team and their teacher  
47 coaches and be forwarded to Dr. James Davis, Superintendent of the  
48 Hattiesburg Public School District, and be made available to the  
49 Capitol Press Corps.

