

By: Senator(s) Farris, Chaney, Harvey, King, To: Rules
Thames

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.

