

By: Representative Rotenberry

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SIMPSON COUNTY
2 ACADEMY COUGARS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2003 SEASON
3 AND FOR WINNING THE AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Football Team finished
5 the 2003 season with an exceptional record of 13 wins and no
6 losses; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout their season the Cougars participated in
8 playoffs, which included victories as the AA South State Champions
9 and the AA State Champions; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cougars have been superbly coached and inspired
11 by Head Coach Billy Hankins and Assistant Coaches David Holbrook,
12 Tim Ellison, Neil Bartling, Shey Patterson and Keith Zimmerman,
13 who have broadened the Bulldogs' knowledge of the game and refined
14 their skills in execution; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Hankins has brought additional honor to
16 himself and to Simpson County Academy by being selected as AA
17 Coach of the Year by the Mississippi Private Association and
18 served as All-Star Coach; and

19 WHEREAS, several of the Cougars have been recognized for
20 their fine, dedicated and superior play this season, including the
21 naming of Ken Garner, Neil Lewis and Jack Hayes as All-State
22 Players; and

23 WHEREAS, Ken Garner, Neil Lewis, Jack Hayes, Preston Harris,
24 Justin Duckworth, Brian Little, Shannon Steed, Justin Sanford,
25 Justin Blair, Alan Buffington and Aarron Sullivan were also
26 recognized for their outstanding skills in football and were
27 selected as All-District Team Members; and

28 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Cougars, which had six
29 shutouts this season, have developed a winning and cooperative
30 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
31 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
32 their coaches and bring honor to Simpson County Academy; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
35 our state, who are its future:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
38 congratulate the Simpson County Academy Cougars Football Team and
39 their coaches, Head Coach Billy Hankins and Assistant Coaches
40 David Holbrook, Tim Ellison, Neil Bartling, Shey Patterson and
41 Keith Zimmerman, for their outstanding 2003 season, for winning
42 the AA State Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to
43 their athletic endeavors.

44 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Simpson County Academy, Head Coach Billy Hankins and
46 Assistant Coaches David Holbrook, Tim Ellison, Neil Bartling, Shey
47 Patterson and Keith Zimmerman and to the members of the Capitol
48 Press Corps.