

By: Senator(s) Pickering, Thames, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 596

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 NORTHEAST JONES HIGH SCHOOL "LADY TIGER" BASKETBALL TEAM FOR
3 WINNING THE STATE 4A CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
4 2003-2004 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the Northeast Jones High School "Lady Tiger"
6 Basketball Team completed the 2003-2004 season in spectacular
7 fashion by winning the Class 4A State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers compiled an outstanding record of
9 32-3 in the 2003-2004 championship season, and the team members
10 emphasized academics by achieving a 96 Team Grade Point Average;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, on the road to the State Championship, the Lady
13 Tigers won the West Jones Classic Tournament, the Petal
14 Tournament, the Northeast Jones Classic, and placed second in the
15 District and South State Regional Tournaments; and

16 WHEREAS, the Championship 2003-2004 Lady Tigers roster is as
17 follows:

18	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
19	Alicia Abney	Guard	Senior
20	Stevie Pugh	Guard	Junior
21	Nikki Simmons	Forward	Sophomore
22	Hope Jones	Forward	Senior, Captain
23	Santana Barnes	Guard	Junior
24	Deanna McMillan	Guard	Senior
25	Santana McGruder	Guard	Senior
26	Taphne Jackson	Guard	Senior, Captain
27	Jessica McKenzie	Forward	Senior, Captain
28	Kim Lewis	Guard	Sophomore

29	Kristin Blackledge	Center	Junior
30	Ebonie Jefferson	Forward	Sophomore
31	Sheree Hales	Forward	Senior
32	Consuela Tucker	Center	Freshman

33 WHEREAS, the team is ably coached by Head Coach Vicki Rutland
34 and Assistant Coach Sherri Buxton who instilled a work ethic in
35 this squad, emphasizing a tenacious defense; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
37 of student athletes, who have brought honor to their school, their
38 community and to the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
41 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northeast Jones High
42 School "Lady Tiger" Basketball Team and Coach Vicki Rutland for
43 their outstanding 2003-2004 season and for winning the Class 4A
44 State Championship, and extend to them the best wishes of the
45 Legislature for their future athletic and academic success.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 the team, be forwarded to Northeast Jones Principal Dwain
48 Strickland and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.