

By: Senator(s) Clarke, Walls, Frazier,
Jackson (11th), Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 599

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE DEVILS" BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2003-2004
4 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2004, the Simmons High School "Blue
6 Devils" Boys Basketball Team from Hollandale, Mississippi, fought
7 off a furious Heidelberg rally to take its fourth state title with
8 a 66-65 victory in the Mississippi High School Activities
9 Association Class 2A State Tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, with the win which capped a 19-game winning streak,
11 Simmons High School finished the 2003-2004 season with an
12 outstanding 35-1 team record, the only loss being to Class 2A
13 rival Marshall in overtime earlier in the year; and

14 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils' dedicated hard work and team ethic
15 was evident in tournament play this season, as they won first
16 place in the Simmons Invitational Tournament, the O'Bannon
17 Christmas Tournament, the District Tournament, the North
18 Mississippi Regional Tournament and the State Tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, the team is ably coached by Coach George Willis and
20 Assistant Coach Maria Willis, whose dedication and energy inspired
21 the team to win the close games, stating "This team played well
22 together and was dedicated to winning; there were no egos on this
23 team"; and

24 WHEREAS, the following members of the Blue Devils squad
25 received individual honors for the 2003-2004 season: Eddie Howard
26 (Most Valuable Player in State Championship--scoring 17 points in
27 title game); Carl Lucas (All-State, All-District, Most Valuable
28 Player in District and Simmons Tournament, and Co-Most Valuable

29 Player in O'Bannon Tournament); and Alvin Robinson (All-District,
30 All-North Mississippi Regional, Co-Most Valuable Player in
31 O'Bannon Tournament); and

32 WHEREAS, the 2003-2004 Blue Devils Team Roster is as follows:
33 Carl Lucas, Alvin Robinson, Eddie Howard, Jessie Jackson,
34 Dequindrick Dorsey, Johnny Winston, Kendrick White, Cordell White,
35 Lawrence Woods, Cordell Terrell, Antonio White, Terrance Madison,
36 Brandon Sanders and Terrance Washington; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Simmons High School
44 "Blue Devils" Basketball Team and Coach George Willis for winning
45 the Boys' 2A State Tournament Championship and for their
46 outstanding 2003-2004 season, and extend to them the best wishes
47 of the Legislature for their future athletic and academic success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 the Blue Devils Basketball Team and the Principal of Simmons High
50 School, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.