

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
36 of student athletes, who have brought honor to their school, their
37 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 Northeast Jones High School "Lady Tiger" Basketball Team and Coach
41 Vicki Rutland for their outstanding 2003-2004 season and for
42 winning the Class 4A State Championship, and extend to them the
43 best wishes of the Senate for their future athletic and academic
44 success.

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