

By: Representatives Frierson,  
Carlton, Compretta, Davis,  
Dedeaux, Fillingane, Formby,  
Hudson, Lott, Parker, Pierce,  
Upshaw, Vince, Warren, Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PEARL RIVER  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, FOOTBALL TEAM, MEN'S  
3 SOCCER TEAM AND BASEBALL TEAM UPON THEIR OUTSTANDING SEASONS.

4 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Men's Basketball  
5 Team defeated South Division rival Hinds Community College 71-60  
6 in a come-from behind contest in the MACJC State Tournament at  
7 Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville in late  
8 February for the Wildcats' fifth MACJC state championship in  
9 history. The title marked PRCC's fourth in Head Coach Richard  
10 Mathis' 13 seasons with the Wildcats PRCC wrapping up its season  
11 at 20-9 overall with 77-61 loss to Northwest Mississippi Community  
12 College in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College in  
13 Clinton in early March. Mathis has won a total of six MACJC  
14 titles, including a men's title at Northeast Mississippi Community  
15 College and a women's title at East Mississippi Community College  
16 (finished No. 2 in NJCAA National Tournament); and

17 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Football Team  
18 defeated South Division Champions Hinds Community College 21-17  
19 for Pearl River Community College's 16th MACJC State Championship  
20 in the school's history (first since 1976) in early November.  
21 PRCC finished its seat at 10-1 overall with its only loss of the  
22 season coming from the hands of Hinds Community College 31-27 in  
23 Poplarville. The Wildcats were ranked No. 4 in the final NJCAA  
24 poll. PRCC boasted an All-American in two-way standout Larry  
25 Kendrick who copped the elite honor as a wide receiver and a  
26 defensive back, while being named the NJCAA's "Defensive Player of  
27 the Year," the MACJC-Region 23 "Most Valuable Player," along with

28 earning All-Region 23 and All-MACJC honors. Kendrick will play  
29 for the Ole Miss Rebels in the fall. Head Coach Tim Hatten is a  
30 former Wildcat player under J. C. Arban and Mike Nelson; and

31 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Men's Soccer Team  
32 defeated perennial powerhouse Hinds Community College with a 3-1  
33 victory for PRCC's first MACJC-Region 23 soccer title (men or  
34 women) in the school's history in the MACJC State Tournament  
35 played at Hinds Community College in Raymond in mid-November.  
36 PRCC ended its season with a 2-1 loss to Tyler Junior College in  
37 the Mid-Southwest District Tournament also hosted by Hinds  
38 Community College in Raymond. In the five-year existence of PRCC  
39 women's and men's soccer under Head Coach Adam Breerwood, the  
40 veteran mentor has guided at least one of his teams into the  
41 post-season every season. The 2003 Wildcat squad wrapped up its  
42 season with a 17-3-2 record; and

43 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Baseball Team rose  
44 out of the losers' bracket to defeat Meridian Community College  
45 two straight times to take its first MACJC state baseball  
46 championship in the history of the school. The Wildcats handed  
47 the Eagles a 10-2 stomping in the tournament finals after losing  
48 to the Division I team 3-2 in the opening round. PRCC ended its  
49 season at 42-10 overall and ranked No. 2 in the final NJCAA  
50 Division II poll. All-American candidate Rhyne Hughes finished  
51 the season with 18 home runs (including two in the state  
52 championship game) to lead the NJCAA. In Head Coach Jay Artigues'  
53 first season with PRCC in 2002, the former Wildcat infielder  
54 guided his team to their first-ever Region 23 and Super Regional  
55 titles and a berth in the 2002 NJCAA Division II World Series in  
56 Millington, Tennessee; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
58 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
59 young people of this state, who are its future:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
62 commend and congratulate the Pearl River Community College Men's  
63 Basketball Team, Football Team, Men's Soccer Team and Baseball  
64 Team upon their outstanding seasons and express our heartiest  
65 wishes for continued success in all their athletic and academic  
66 endeavors.

67           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
68 furnished to Pearl River Community College, Head Coach Richard  
69 Mathis, Head Coach Tim Hatten, Head Coach Adam Breerwood and Head  
70 Coach Jay Artigues and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.