

By: Representatives Frierson, Dedeaux,  
Warren, Vince, Carlton, Lott, Fillingane,  
Watson, Davis

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 LUMBERTON HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
3 SEASON OF PLAY FOR 2004 AND WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL  
4 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 2-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Lumberton High School Panthers Football Team  
6 finished the 2004 season with an impressive record of 14 wins and  
7 one loss and ranked number three in the state, winning the  
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 2-A  
9 State Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, the Panthers made their mark in the school's record  
11 book by winning the 2004 Class 2-A South Mississippi Championship  
12 by defeating East Marion 27-7 and the Class 2-A State Championship  
13 by defeating Booneville 21-14, the third state title in the  
14 school's history; and

15 WHEREAS, the Panthers' statistics overshadowed their  
16 opponents in multiple areas, comprised of touchdowns, 221 to 129;  
17 rushing yards, 4,107 to 1,446; total yards, 5,475 to 2,327;  
18 turnover return yards, 479 to 102; and total points scored, 521 to  
19 139; and

20 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon  
21 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and  
22 superior play and their hard work this season, including: the  
23 naming of Terry Grant as Most Valuable Player and Class 2-A  
24 Offensive Player of the Year; the selection of Terry Grant, Todd  
25 Adams and Jamiah Holder to the All-State First Team; and the  
26 selection of Ben Necaize and Matt Niemeyer to All-State Second  
27 Team; and

28           WHEREAS, the Panthers have been superbly coached and inspired  
29 by Head Coach Teddy Dyess and Assistant Coaches John Brown, David  
30 Entrekin, Norman Johnston, Jonathan Ladner and Seth McRaney who  
31 have broadened the team's knowledge of the game and refined their  
32 skills in execution; and

33           WHEREAS, Coach Dyess, who has played on or coached six MHSAA  
34 state championship teams, has brought additional honor to  
35 Lumberton High School by being named "Coach of the Year" Class  
36 2-A; and

37           WHEREAS, the Panthers have been supported in their athletic  
38 endeavors and can attribute much of their success to the many  
39 parents, fans and supporters whose moral and spiritual  
40 encouragement have remained fervent throughout the season; and

41           WHEREAS, they have developed a winning and cooperative spirit  
42 and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities and  
43 attitudes reflect great credit upon the individual players and  
44 their coaches and bring honor to Lumberton High School; and

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

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Lumberton  
51 High School Panthers Football Team and their coaches for their  
52 phenomenal 2004 season, for winning the Class 2-A South  
53 Mississippi Championship and the Class 2-A State Championship and  
54 for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

55           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
56 furnished to Lumberton High School, Head Coach Teddy Dyess and  
57 Assistant Coaches John Brown, David Entrekin, Norman Johnston,  
58 Jonathan Ladner and Seth McRaney and to the members of the Capitol  
59 Press Corps.