

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ST. ANDREWS
2 EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SAINTS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SEASON
3 OF PLAY FOR 2004 AND WINNING THE DISTRICT VI CLASS 2A
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the St. Andrews Episcopal School Saints Football
6 Team finished the 2004 season with an impressive, undefeated
7 record of 10-0 in regular season play, winning the District VI
8 Class 2A Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2004 Saints team made their mark in the school's
10 record book by tying the school's record for the most wins and
11 clinching the team's first undefeated regular season since 1993;
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13 WHEREAS, the Saints climaxed their season of play with an
14 11-game winning streak, finishing the season with an 11-1 record,
15 before losing in the second round of the state playoffs; and

16 WHEREAS, led by five seniors, Brent Smith, Brian Gladney,
17 Alan Landrum, David Drake and Japanese exchange student, Taka
18 Naragino, many individual honors have been bestowed upon various
19 team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and superior
20 play and their hard work this season, including: the naming of
21 Brent Smith to *The Clarion-Ledger* All-Metro First Team; the
22 selection of Conway Craig as second ranked passer in Class 2A; the
23 naming of Martin Edwards as lead kicker in Class 2A and the
24 selection of standout sophomore running back Bradford Blackmon as
25 Most Valuable Player for District VI Class 2A and named to the
26 Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State Second Team; and

27 WHEREAS, during his two years of varsity play at St. Andrews,
28 Bradford Blackmon has scored 45 touchdowns, completed 349 rushes,

29 compiled 2,560 yards, ranked fourth in rushing in the State Class
30 2A division, set a school record with 222 points in 12 games,
31 averaging 18.5 points per game and scored the second most points
32 of any player in the state in all classifications; and

33 WHEREAS, the Saints have been superbly coached and inspired
34 by Head Coach David Bradberry and Assistant Coaches Dan Roach, Joe
35 Ray and Gerald McCall, who have broadened the team's knowledge of
36 the game and refined their skills in execution; and

37 WHEREAS, Coach Bradberry, whose overall coaching record
38 stands at 149-57, has compiled an 18-5 record at St. Andrews since
39 becoming head coach in 2003; and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to excelling on the field, the Saints
41 also display superior prowess in the classroom to achieve academic
42 excellence with 19 honor roll students; and

43 WHEREAS, a self-disciplined and self-motivated team, the
44 Saints have been supported in their athletic endeavors and can
45 attribute much of their success to the many parents, fans and
46 supporters whose moral and spiritual encouragement have remained
47 fervent throughout the season; and

48 WHEREAS, they have developed a winning and cooperative spirit
49 and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities and
50 attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
51 their coaches and bring honor to St. Andrews Episcopal School; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
53 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the
54 youth of our state, who are its future:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
57 commend and congratulate the St. Andrews Episcopal School Saints
58 Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach David Bradberry and
59 Assistant Coaches Dan Roach, Joe Ray and Gerald McCall, for their
60 phenomenal 2004 season, for winning the District VI Class 2A

61 Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their
62 athletic endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to St. Andrews Episcopal School, Head Coach David
65 Bradberry, Assistant Coaches Dan Roach, Joe Ray and Gerald McCall,
66 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.