

By: Senator(s) Lee (47th), Albritton,
Morgan, Cuevas, King

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH OF THE YEAR
3 TIM HATTEN FOR THE "WILDCATS" 2004 NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Pearl River Community College is now the undisputed
5 NJCAA National Football Champion after its convincing 35-14
6 victory over the defending champion Butler County (Kansas)
7 Grizzlies in the Dalton Defenders Bowl; and

8 WHEREAS, the Wildcats, who repeated as state champions with a
9 24-13 win over Hinds Community College in Poplarville,
10 Mississippi, left little doubt about the superiority of the MACJC
11 over Kansas' league in 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Pearl River, which won its only other national title
13 in 1961 under legendary Coach Dobie Holden, extended its winning
14 stretch to 19 games; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Tim Hatten has been named Coach of the Year by
16 the American Community College Football Coaches Association, and
17 Wildcats Quarterback Jimmy Oliver has been honored as the NJCAA's
18 offensive player of the year. Coach Hatten has an overall record
19 of 29-4, with two MACJC titles in three years in Poplarville; and

20 WHEREAS, the only time Pearl River Community College won a
21 national championship in football, John F. Kennedy was in his
22 first year as President. Forty-three years have passed since the
23 1961 Wildcats breezed through their schedule to a 10-0 record,
24 winning a state championship and finishing the year as the No. 1
25 team in the country, T.D. "Dobie" Holden was the Head Coach at
26 that time. A picture of that team hangs in the Mississippi Sports
27 Hall of Fame and Museum in Jackson. Pearl River Community College

28 was called Pearl River Junior College back then. The team played
29 its home games on a field in the middle of the campus, today used
30 mostly for band practice and intramural sports. The concrete
31 bleachers still stand as a reminder of past glory; and

32 WHEREAS, Pearl River Community College's athletic tradition
33 spans most of this century and includes some of the prominent and
34 memorable sports figures, athletes and coaches. During the early
35 years, Pearl River was the first, in fact the only, junior college
36 to compete in athletics. In over 77 years of football, the
37 Wildcats have won or tied nearly 70% of the games they have
38 played. PRCC football teams have scored over 12,300 points, while
39 allowing only 6,950, and "The River" has recorded 13 undefeated
40 regular seasons and a record 14 state championships; and

41 WHEREAS, the 2004 championship roster is as follows: Larry
42 Brackins, Josh Barnes, Tim Kulikowski, Glentrelle Ware, Jacob
43 Garber, Jimmy Oliver, Nick Golden, Brian Graham, Gene Coleman,
44 Charles Brown, Sam Thomas, Brandon Fountain, Levance Richmond,
45 Kyle Sellers, Julian McGowan, Shalamar Walker, Sandy Ray Collins,
46 Gabe Fairman, Mike McClendon, George Leverette, Artez McLaughlin,
47 Bernard Smith, Charles Hawkins, Marcus Thomas, Ervin Jackson,
48 Chris St. John, Lawrence Atkinson, Chris Lowery, Perry Guinn,
49 Kenneth McBeath, Edjuan Williamson, Kenny Lawler, Michael Loftin,
50 Johnny Berry, Kevin Oatis, Alex Davis, Adam Purvis, Tanner
51 Graves, Matt Lott, Brad Steube, Ryan Sefton, Scotty Dunn, Steven
52 Pahlman, Reggie Keyes, Wyatt Tatum, Vince Strickland, James
53 Hollingsworth, Doug Dubuisson, Ladean Byrd, Chris Milner, James
54 Carter, Frank Harry, Ben McGilton and Marcus Crosby; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
56 singular achievement of these student athletes who have brought
57 honor to their college, their community and to the State of
58 Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

61 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl River Community
62 College "Wildcats" football team and Coach of the Year Tim Hatten
63 for winning the undisputed 2004 National Junior College Athletic
64 Association National Championship, and extend to the team the best
65 wishes of the Legislature for future athletic and academic
66 success.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 the 2004 Wildcats Football Team and college President, Dr. William
69 Lewis, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.