

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 550

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BYRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER SQUAD FOR WINNING THE 2004
3 NATIONAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on December 29, 2004, the Byram Middle School
5 Cheerleaders met their ultimate goal by winning the 2004 National
6 Cheerleaders Association National Championship in the Intermediate
7 Junior High/Middle School Division held in Dallas, Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, this championship was a dream of all 19 girls from
9 the time they received their bid to Nationals in June at camp,
10 until they finished their final routine on the 29th of December;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders consist of:
13 7th Graders-Lauren Alford, Allison Higbee, Tara Hilton, Kristen
14 Melton, Rebecca Ross (Co-Captain) and Morgan Stringer; Mascot-Drew
15 Blakely; and Manager-Hannah King; Eighth Graders-Jennifer Byrd,
16 Carcia Carson, Nikki Dramis, Sallianne Dudley, Noel Johnson,
17 Olivia King, Bethany Lasseter, Allison Morris, Mackenzie Pettit,
18 Mae Slay, Blaire Whitehead (Captain), Shelby Wilkinson, and
19 Nichelle Willis; and

20 WHEREAS, twelve of the 8th grade cheerleaders have been
21 cheering together for the past two years. All 19 cheerleaders,
22 mascot, and manager maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all
23 academic subjects. All participants of Byram Middle School
24 Cheerleaders are on the Honor Roll and many are on the Principal's
25 List. They have persevered through injuries such as a broken
26 nose, a broken tailbone, a broken wrist, torn ligaments, strained
27 muscles, and pulled muscles. The team members overcame adversity

28 with the tenacity, determination, work ethic, team spirit and
29 cooperative attitude that are the hallmark of champions; and

30 WHEREAS, the current squad listed above has received the
31 following awards in 2004: 2004 Champion Chant winners at NCA
32 Camp; 2004 Top Team Finalist; 2004-eight All-American Nominees
33 (Jennifer Byrd, Carcia Carson, Sallianne Dudley, Olivia King,
34 Bethany Lasseter, Rebecca Ross, Blaire Whitehead, and Nichelle
35 Willis) and two All-Americans (Jennifer Byrd and Bethany
36 Lasseter); 2004 Deep South Regional Second Place Large Junior High
37 Division; 2004 Mississippi High School Activities Association
38 Second Place Large Junior High Division; 2004 NCA Innovative
39 Choreography Award (presented to our choreographer Carlos Stokes
40 of Central Mississippi Cheer and Deep South Cheer in Ridgeland);
41 and the most prestigious award of all, 2004 NCA National Champions
42 Intermediate Junior High Division held in Dallas, Texas, December
43 27-29, 2004; and

44 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders have been
45 coached by Susan Heiden for the past 2 1/2 years. She is a highly
46 qualified 8th grade Science Teacher at Byram Middle School and has
47 taught in the Hinds County School District for eight years; and

48 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders participate in
49 community service activities by spending time with nursing home
50 activities through the Beta Club, hosting cheerleading clinics for
51 the community, and working with the residents of CARES, a part of
52 the Mississippi Children's Home Association, hosting a cheerleader
53 clinic; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
55 accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have brought
56 honor to their school, to the parents and citizens of Byram and
57 Terry, and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Byram Middle School

61 Cheerleader Squad and Coach Susan Heiden for winning the 2004
62 National Cheerleaders Association Championship and extend to them
63 the best wishes of the Legislature for success in their future
64 athletic and scholastic endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 the Byram Middle School Cheerleader Squad and be made available to
67 the Capitol Press Corps.