

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 593

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 COAHOMA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "RED PANTHERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH ISAAH PETERSON FOR WINNING THE CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the favorite Bible story about David and Goliath was
5 replayed on Friday, March 11, 2005, when tiny Coahoma County High
6 School slew mighty Piney Woods 49-47 to win the Mississippi Class
7 2A State Championship at the Coliseum in Jackson, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, "The Big Red" outscored Piney Woods 21-13 in the
9 fourth period and shot 10 for 10 from the charity strip during the
10 final eight minutes of play in claiming the championship trophy
11 for the first time since the school split from Clarksdale High
12 School in 1965 some 40 years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, the game ended with Coahoma County on top, much to
14 the delight of four busloads of students and a caravan of cars
15 with fans that streamed straight south from "Casino County"; the
16 court was rushed by the loyal Coahoma County fans, who hugged,
17 danced, whooped and hollered everywhere on the hardwood and nearby
18 stands; and

19 WHEREAS, this was the second 2A title for Coahoma County
20 Coach Isaiah Peterson, who led Broad Street High School to the
21 championship in 1989, ironically over the same Piney Woods team;
22 Coach Peterson and Assistant Coach Joe Griffin were masterful in
23 the championship game; and

24 WHEREAS, the Red Panthers finished the championship season
25 32-5 and won the Delta Valley Conference, the Division 3
26 Tournament and the North State Regional Tournament on the way to
27 the State Championship; and

28 WHEREAS, the following players earned the following honors
29 for their outstanding play: Terrance Calvin, Terrance Conner and
30 Ravern Johnson each made the Class 2A Boys All-State Team, the
31 All-North Half Team and the All-District 3 Team, while Marcus
32 Cotton made the All-District and All-North Half Team; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
34 accomplishment of this group of student athletes who have brought
35 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
36 Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Coahoma County "Red
40 Panthers" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Isaiah Peterson for their
41 exciting victory to win the Class 2A State Championship and extend
42 to them the best wishes of the Legislature for their future
43 athletic and academic successes.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 the Red Panthers Team and Coach Peterson and be made available to
46 the Capitol Press Corps.