

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Butler, Harvey,
Michel, Thames

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

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

5 WHEREAS, ranked number one in the preseason poll, the
6 Brookhaven (Ole Brook) High School Panthers Football Team finished
7 the 2004 season with an impressive record of fourteen wins and one
8 loss, ranked number six in the state and won the Mississippi High
9 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Championship;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Panthers made their mark in the school's record
12 book finishing the season with a thirteen game winning streak and
13 winning the 2004 Class 4A State Championship by defeating
14 Clarksdale 29-23 before an estimated 12,000 spectators, the first
15 state title in the school's history; and

16 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
17 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and
18 superior play and their hard work this season, including: the
19 naming of Jimmy Johns as 4A Most Valuable Player, Ronny McNulty as
20 4A Offensive Player of the Year and Jessie Bowman as 4A Defensive
21 Player of the Year; the selection of Michael Thrasher, Bud
22 Chatman, Grant McDonnieal, Taurean Jones, Darius Perkins, Eric
23 Edwards, Anthony Caffie, Virgil Sanders and Marlon Dixon to the
24 All-Region First Team; and honorable mention selection of Zach
25 Ray, Tyler Gatlin, Kody Perrett, Charles Wilson, Bart Sias,
26 Richard Alvarado, Will Thibodeaux, Brandt Hinton, Orlandus
27 Chapman, Jerome Avery and Montral Smith; and

28 WHEREAS, the Panthers have been superbly coached and inspired
29 by Head Coach Tucker Peavey and Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson,
30 Patrick Hardy, Jaymie Palmer, Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister, who
31 have broadened the team's knowledge of the game and refined their
32 skills in execution; and

33 WHEREAS, the Ole Brook coaching staff has brought additional
34 honor to Brookhaven High School by being named "Coaching Staff of
35 the Year"; and

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

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

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend this group of
46 student athletes, who have brought honor to their school, their
47 community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
50 Brookhaven High School Panthers Football Team and their coaches,
51 Head Coach Tucker Peavey and Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson,
52 Patrick Hardy, Jaymie Palmer, Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister for
53 their phenomenal 2004 season, for winning the Class 4A South
54 Mississippi Championship and the Class 4A State Championship and
55 for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 presented to Brookhaven High School Head Coach Tucker Peavey and
58 Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson, Patrick Hardy, Jaymie Palmer,
59 Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister and made available to the members
60 of the Capitol Press Corps.