

By: Representatives Rogers (61st), Baker (74th), Moore, Reeves, Smith (59th), Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PEARL HIGH SCHOOL PIRATES SOCCER TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
3 2005-2006 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Pearl High School Pirates Soccer Team finished
5 the 2005-2006 season with an outstanding record of 27-2-1, and
6 winning the Class 4A State Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, the Pirates 2-1 victory over the Gautier Gators led
8 them to their second consecutive and their fourth state 4A title
9 in its sixth consecutive championship game, having won the coveted
10 title previously in 2001, 2002 and 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to the overall Class 4A State
12 Championship and finishing the season ranked No. 1 in the State of
13 Mississippi, the Pirates 27 wins are the greatest number of wins
14 by any team since championship awards began in 1989; and

15 WHEREAS, with 14 seniors, Andy Brooks, John Rogers Downs,
16 Aaron Exum, Nick Foster, Matthew Logue, Chase Middleton, Dusty
17 Oubre, Scott Pulliam, Tyler Smith, Aaron Thornton, Tyler Wade,
18 Colby Watson, Eric Watts and Lee Williamson, all of whom have been
19 offered college scholarships, the Pirates have received several
20 individual honors, including the naming of John Rogers Downs,
21 Aaron Thornton and Lee Williamson as First Team All-State Players;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Pirates have been superbly coached and inspired
24 by Head Coach Brad Biard, who has broadened the Pirates knowledge
25 of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Biard, over the last six years as the Pirates
27 coach, has brought additional honor to himself and to Pearl High

28 School by being selected as the 2006 Soccer Coach of the Year for
29 the State of Mississippi, 2005 Co-Coach of the Year for Rankin
30 County, 2003 All-Star Coach and boasting a 124-16-10 record; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
32 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
33 our state, who are its future:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
36 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl High
37 School Pirates Soccer Team and their coach, Brad Biard, for their
38 outstanding 2005-2006 season, for winning the Class 4A State
39 Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their
40 athletic endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Pearl High School, Coach Brad Biard and to the
43 members of the Capitol Press Corps.