

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Warren,  
Eaton, Hudson, Moore, Stringer, Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 SIMPSON COUNTY ACADEMY COUGARS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH BILLY  
3 HANKINS FOR THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MISSISSIPPI PRIVATE SCHOOL  
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Cougars Football Team  
6 managed to pull off another impressive season of play to capture  
7 the team's third consecutive Mississippi Private School  
8 Association Class 2A State Championship, defeating the Covich  
9 Academy Colonels Team by a score of 14-7; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cougars "3-Peat" marks the team's fourth State  
11 Championship (1973, 2003, 2004 and 2005), in an accumulated 15  
12 straight winning seasons and 10 consecutive district championships  
13 without a district loss; and

14 WHEREAS, led by an outstanding group of seniors, whose  
15 2005-2006 achievements boast an impressive 38-2 record, the  
16 Cougars matched skill, tactics and wit to outmaneuver and outscore  
17 their well-trained competitors; and

18 WHEREAS, guided by the experienced and learned Head Coach  
19 Billy Wayne Hankins, who was assisted by Drummonds McAlpin,  
20 Winston Mullins, David Holbrook and Shea Patterson, the Cougar  
21 coaches set a new standard for excellence in the 2005 march to the  
22 championship; and

23 WHEREAS, immensely affected by the devastation of Hurricane  
24 Katrina, the team took time out from an abbreviated football  
25 season to raise money for the Red Cross; and

26 WHEREAS, during this special season, a three-year consecutive  
27 win record ended at 33 consecutive games, and the Cougars had to  
28 "win-out" to make the District Tournament, overcoming doubts from

29 the media, and winning the trophy to prove their champion status;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the Cougars have been touted with several individual  
32 honors, including premier performances by running back Shannon  
33 Steed, who finished the season with 1,984 yards, only three behind  
34 the state record; quarterback Ben Maddox, who finished the season  
35 with 612 yards on 76 carries; Clark Wallace accomplished a gain of  
36 433 yards on 88 carries; and defensively, Clark Wallace and Jeremy  
37 "Rooster" Duckworth led with 53 and 50 tackles, respectively; and

38 WHEREAS, the team was heavily supported by the hometown  
39 crowd, on and off the field, which was particularly evident in  
40 games on the road, and it is with great pride that we salute the  
41 championship season of this team of student athletes who have  
42 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
43 Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Simpson  
47 County Academy Cougars Football Team, Coach Billy Hankins and the  
48 entire coaching staff for their third consecutive Mississippi  
49 Private School Association Class 2A State Championship and we wish  
50 them continued success in all their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to Headmaster Jane Hubbard, Head Coach Billy Hankins,  
53 *The Magee Courier* and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.