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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 SOUTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND CLARION-LEDGER  
3 COACH OF THE YEAR RICKY WOODS FOR THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MHSAA  
4 CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEIR UNPRECEDENTED "3-PEAT."

5 WHEREAS, the No. 7 nationally ranked South Panola High School  
6 "Tigers" Football Team dominated the Meridian Wildcats in the  
7 MHSAA State Championship game by an overwhelming score of 52-14 on  
8 Friday, December 9, 2005, at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium  
9 in Jackson, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, the Tigers pulled off a "3-Peat" and thus preserved  
11 a 45-game win streak with the championship victory, joining the  
12 ranks of only three other teams since state championships have  
13 been played in Mississippi to complete such a feat (the only other  
14 teams to win 3-Peats were in 1A, 2A and 4A); and

15 WHEREAS, for this championship season and game before a large  
16 television audience, *The Clarion-Ledger* named South Panola Head  
17 Football Coach Ricky Woods the "2005 Coach of the Year." Coach  
18 Woods was also the Mississippi Coach's Association (MAC) choice  
19 for 2003 and 2004, and he gave most of the credit to his coaching  
20 staff: Willis Wright, Arnie Oakes, John Davis, Trenell Edwards,  
21 Mark Weaver, Lucian King and Michael Fair; and

22 WHEREAS, the Tigers have amassed a 59-1 four-year record  
23 under Coach Woods. Their 45-game winning streak is the third  
24 longest active streak in the nation. Its third consecutive 5A  
25 state championship brings the total championships to five for the  
26 school; and

27 WHEREAS, South Panola had three players make the All-State  
28 Football Team: senior offensive linemen Josh Boren and South

29 Oakes; and junior linebacker Chris Strong. Making the second team  
30 offense were senior wide receiver Rodney Gray and sophomore  
31 lineman Cameron Wagner. Senior running back Rickey Sanford was  
32 named the State's Player of the Week during the season; and

33 WHEREAS, another factor contributing to the excitement of the  
34 game was the meeting of former South Panola Head Coach Ed Stanley  
35 (who was a successful coach at South Panola) as he directed the  
36 Meridian Wildcats to capture the elusive Gold Ball Trophy; and

37 WHEREAS, the Tigers won the Region 1 Divisional and the North  
38 Half Championship on their way to the state championship, and the  
39 roster of the team is as follows: Chris Strong LB; Jeramie  
40 Griffin FB; Germichael Sanford TB; Kerry Hoskins DB; Tarus Young  
41 LB; Mario Nash QB; Ricky Sanford TB; Montez Austin DB; Kevin Young  
42 LB; Rickyus Barksdale LB; Justin Harris DE; Karreem Carr DB;  
43 Reuben Corley LB; Darius Barksdale CB; Tristan Gleaton WR; Leroy  
44 Diggs QB; Justin Market TB; Travius Butler SE; Chris Butler CB;  
45 Dominique Middleton DE; Kesrick Goins DB; Danny Humphrey DB;  
46 Barrett Johnson K; Rashad Mackey DB; David Harris FS; Rodney Diggs  
47 LB; Jeremy Harris LB; Maurice Market LB; Carl Sowden LB;  
48 Germichael Williams LB; Joshua Shipp LB; Demario Kincaid LB;  
49 Terrance Griffin TB; Darryl Thomas LB; Justin Carothers CB;  
50 Vandell Pollard TE; Quin Sanford TE; Marlon Wilks DE; Tradaeus  
51 Burgess FS; Jevon Robertson LB; Josh Boren C; Demario Lewis DT;  
52 Garret Stone OL; Teddy Flowers DT; David Baker OL; South Oakes OL;  
53 Jarred Draper DT; Deshun Sandridge DT; Dustin Pell OL; Larry  
54 Milton OL; Cordarrius McMurry OL; Justin Hardrick DE; J.R. Irvin  
55 OL; Cameron Wagner OL; Hunter Bailey OL; Rashad Bell TE; Jonathan  
56 Wilson OL; Elbert Smith DL; Barry Jones DT; Adam McCachren LB;  
57 Demetrius Dunn SE; Kendrick Gray SE; Terrance Pope TE; Wesley  
58 Jefferson LB; Rodney Gray SE; Okoya McGee SE; Milton Williams TE;  
59 Jeremy Johnson LB; and Charles Corley DE; and

60 WHEREAS, the team was heavily supported by the hometown crowd  
61 and band, on and off the field, which was particularly evident in

62 games on the road; and it is with great pride that we again salute  
63 the championship season of this team of student athletes who have  
64 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
65 Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
67 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
68 we do hereby commend and congratulate the South Panola High School  
69 "Tigers" Football Team and Clarion-Ledger Coach of the Year Ricky  
70 Woods for their third consecutive MHSAA Class 5A State  
71 Championship, their 2005 undefeated (15-0) season and their  
72 unprecedented "3-Peat" and we wish them continued success in their  
73 quest for an unprecedented "4-Peat."

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
75 Principal Dr. Gearl Loden, Superintendent Dr. Keith Shaffer and  
76 Head Coach Ricky Woods for the "Tigers" and be made available to  
77 *The Panolian* and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.