

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 564

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL "GREEN WAVE" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 DENNIS ALLEN FOR WINNING THE 2005 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the West Point High School "Green Wave" Football
5 Team sacked the Wayne County Quarterback on back-to-back plays to
6 preserve a heart-stopping 17-15 victory for the Class 4A State
7 Championship on Saturday, December 10, 2005, before an estimated
8 11,500 crowd at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium; and

9 WHEREAS, West Point, ranked No. 6 in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super
10 10 and No. 2 in 4A, finished with a 14-1 record; and

11 WHEREAS, it was the fifth state football crown for West
12 Point, and the first since 1989. The Green Wave team won four
13 Class 4A state titles in the 1980s but was moved to 5A for
14 2003-2004. It returned to 4A just before this school year where
15 Wayne County had been the toughest team in that class in West
16 Point's absence. That torch was returned following this game,
17 which MAC 4A Coach of the Year Dennis Allen described as a
18 "big-time" upset over a team which had the advantage in size,
19 speed, power and game experience, but the Green Wave team expected
20 to win, and did; and

21 WHEREAS, West Point's offense is led by Quarterback Cliff
22 Bailey and Tailback Chris Matthews, but it was West Point's
23 defense, and Senior Tackle Lemarcus Witherspoon in particular,
24 that saved the day in the championship game; and

25 WHEREAS, the roster of the Green Wave team is as follows:
26 Antron Davidson, DB; Demarius Doss, LB; Cliff Bailey, QB-WR;
27 Eldrick Hogan, WR; Mario Cannon, DB; Derrick Boyd, DB; Travis

28 Walker, QB-WR; Courtney Brooks, WR; Jamar Shelton, WR; Chris
29 Matthews, RB; Parrance Ward, WR; Jonathan Shelton, WR; Reshun
30 Randle, WR; Cory Cannon, DB; Xavier Ewing, DL; C.J. Foster, DB;
31 Phillip Domino, QB-WR; Britton Atkinson, RB; Charlie Davidson, RB;
32 Davin Bascombe, LB; Dequatus Saul, DB; Marvin Hoskins, DB; Dexter
33 Shelton, DB; Jimmy Reed, DB; Thomas Gordon, WR; Mario Cox, LB;
34 Terrell Virges, LB; Rod Owens, DB; James King, DB; James Ewing,
35 LB; Antonio Chandler, DL; Chicosity Ewing, RB; Trevea Williams, WR;
36 Chris Rupert, DL; David Tollison, WR; Raffell Larry, WR; Rasheed
37 Mitchell, DE; Zack Brown, LB; Kaleb Rush, LB; Darren Hart, WR;
38 Justin Travice, DL; Todd Andrews, DL; Avis Shelton, OL; Roderick
39 Walker, OL; Lashaun Hopkins, LB; Alex Hill, LB; Jeremy Jones, DL;
40 Quartney Cox, OL; Michael Heard, DL; Charles Johnson, OL; Lamarcus
41 Witherspoon, DL; Roosevelt Cunningham, OL; Trevail Gandy, DL;
42 Jimmy Smith, DL; Lemarcus Mitchell, DL; Cornelius Devine, DL;
43 Maurice Heard, DL; Jon Lane, OL; Chris Smith, OL; Flentress
44 Murdock, DL; Andrew King, OL; Demarcus Walker, OL; Jason Brand,
45 OL; Martin Edwarwds, DL; Kedrick Rush, OL; Robert Gaston, DL;
46 Carlos Cole, DB; Chris McFarland, DB; Davis Manning, OL; and
47 Austin Berry, DB; Head Football Coach Dennis Allen, MAC 4A Coach
48 of the Year; Athletic Director, Bobby Richardson; Assistant
49 Coaches: Chris Chambless, Ashley Kuhn, Lee Grisham, Ricky Melton,
50 Flozell Wilson, David King, Brent Miley, Eddie Chapman, Clint
51 Hoots, Kendall Pickens, Michael Brown and Josh Davis; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2005 Mississippi Association of Coaches
53 All-State Team members are: Offense: Kendrick Rush, Chris
54 Matthews, Jon Lane and Eldrick Hogan; Defense: Lemarius
55 Witherspoon, James Ewing, Alex Hill, Derrick Boyd, Kaleb Rush and
56 Jamar Shelton; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
58 accomplishments of this championship team which has brought honor
59 to their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

61 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
62 we do hereby commend and congratulate the West Point High School
63 "Green Wave" Football Team and Head Coach Dennis Allen for winning
64 the Class 4A State Championship and extend to them the best wishes
65 of the Legislature in their future athletic and academic
66 endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Principal Bobby Richardson and Coach Dennis Allen on behalf of the
69 team and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.