

By: Senator(s) Walls, Simmons, Clarke

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 589

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 BENOIT-RAY BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING  
3 ITS FIRST CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, in just its fourth year of football, the Benoit-Ray  
5 Brooks High School "Tigers" defeated Mount Olive 52-33 on  
6 Saturday, December 3, 2005, to win the State Title. The Tigers,  
7 led by veteran Delta Coach Lewis "Butch" Inmon, finished the  
8 season 14-0; and

9 WHEREAS, Class 1A State Champion Ray Brooks finished atop the  
10 final Mississippi Associated Press High School Football Poll  
11 released after the season. The rankings were determined by a  
12 panel of eight sportswriters across the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Ray Brooks and Mount Olive went blow-for-blow for a  
14 quarter and a half, but just like all previous games this season,  
15 it was a matter of time before the Tigers started wearing down the  
16 Pirates' defense. The result: a commanding 52-33 win for the  
17 State 1A Title; and

18 WHEREAS, it was a case of Mount Olive's Jason McNair (nephew  
19 of Steve McNair) versus Ray Brooks' six horsemen, Running Backs  
20 Cordero Ireland, Devarcus Ireland, Kozialski Nelson, Timothy  
21 Graham, Cornelius Lindsey and Wayne Leslie; and

22 WHEREAS, Ray Brooks High School is the smallest school in the  
23 State of Mississippi, with an enrollment of under 300 students,  
24 and with this victory, the student body and the Community of  
25 Benoit went home with a first-time football championship to call  
26 their own; and

27           WHEREAS, Ray Brooks High School is only in its fifth year of  
28 existence and its fourth year of organized football; originally,  
29 the students in Benoit attended West Bolivar in Rosedale, but  
30 these students have a new school to attend and another  
31 championship to celebrate as their own; and

32           WHEREAS, the Tigers were a very physical team, ably coached  
33 by Head Coach Lewis "Butch" Inmon and Assistant Coaches Jerry  
34 Walker, Hiawathia Brown and Peris Leonard; and

35           WHEREAS, the 2005 roster of this championship team is as  
36 follows: Rod Baldrige (WR/DB), Chris Brooks (C/DE), Robert  
37 Farris (G/DL), Leslie Gardner (T/DL), Timothy Graham (RB/LB),  
38 Jesse Hunter (WR/DB), Cordero Ireland (RB/LB), Devarcus Ireland  
39 (RB/E), Robert Johnson (G/LB), Pierre Jordan (T/DL), Damian Leslie  
40 (TE/LB), David Leslie (WR/S), Keyardus Leslie (TE/DE), Wayne  
41 Leslie (RB/DB), Anthony Lewis (WR/DB), Cornelius Lindsey (RB/LB),  
42 Deonte Matthews (WR/DE), Travis McGee (QB/DB), Derrick Mitchell  
43 (G/DL), Cornelius Myles (G/DL), Eric Nelson (TE/S), Kozialski  
44 Nelson (RB/DB), Jimarcus Petty (WR/DB), Wally Phillips (T/DL),  
45 Anthony Rivera (WR/LB), Kenny Thomas (WR/LB), Derrick Washington  
46 (G/DL), Damian White (T/DL) and Alex Wilson (TE/LB); and

47           WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the special  
48 accomplishments of this team which brought honor and identity to  
49 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

50           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
52 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Benoit-Ray Brooks High  
53 School "Tigers" Football Team, Head Coach Lewis "Butch" Inmon,  
54 Principal Brenda Hopson and Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Hawley for  
55 their State Class 1A Championship and their outstanding 2005-2006  
56 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature for  
57 future scholastic and athletic successes.

58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
59 Coach Inmon and the team and the Principal of Benoit-Ray Brooks

60 High School, Brenda Hopson, and be made available to the Capitol  
61 Press Corps.