

By: Senator(s) Thomas, Chaney, Clarke

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 614

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 YAZOO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "PANTHERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH  
3 ARCHIE CARLYLE FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A MHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 11, 2006, the Yazoo County High  
5 School "Panthers" Boys Basketball Team beat Holly Springs 24-22 in  
6 a classic "stall-ball" game to win the Mississippi Class 3A  
7 Mississippi High School Activities Association State Championship  
8 at the Coliseum in Jackson, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Archie Carlyle heard the frequent boos from  
10 about 3,000 fans or half of the crowd during the Class 3A Boys  
11 State Tournament Championship game. The fifth-year Yazoo County  
12 Coach did not care because he stamped his name in the record book  
13 and denied heavily favored Holly Springs some history of its own  
14 with an expected but still stunning stall-ball performance for the  
15 ages; and

16 WHEREAS, Andre Southern's break-away layup with nine seconds  
17 remaining lifted Yazoo County to a 24-22 overtime victory as the  
18 Panthers dethroned two-time defending 3A State Champion Holly  
19 Springs before an estimated crowd of 6,000 at the Mississippi  
20 Coliseum. Southern, a 5-foot-8 Senior Point Guard, scored 15  
21 points as unranked Yazoo County (30-8) claimed its first state  
22 title and prevented Holly Springs (34-2) from becoming the first  
23 MHSAA boys team to three-peat since Durant did in Class 1A from  
24 1993-1995; and

25 WHEREAS, nobody who knows Carlyle was surprised by Saturday's  
26 unconventional strategy (his team held the ball when Benton topped  
27 Ashland 34-29 for the 2A State Crown in 1985). The 46 points are

28 the fewest in a Boys State Championship since the MHSAA went to  
29 five classes in 1984-1985; and

30 WHEREAS, both coaches, former Tougaloo teammates, are two men  
31 who knew all those years ago what they wanted to do in life.

32 Carlyle came to Tougaloo from the Arkansas Delta Town of Dermott  
33 and has won more than 900 games and five State Championships at  
34 several different Mississippi high schools; and

35 WHEREAS, the Panthers finished the championship season with  
36 an outstanding record of 30-8 and won their Conference and  
37 Division Tournament on the way to the State Championship; and

38 WHEREAS, the team roster is as follows: Andre Southern (12,  
39 PG), Cody Mills (9, PG), Milton Gilbert (12, G/F), Jeffery  
40 Winstead (11, G) Fredrick Jones (11, F), Courtney Reed (12, G),  
41 Enrecez Cowans (10, F), Kerrence Hudson (10, F), Jonathan Ratliff  
42 (10, F), Desmond Luckett (12, F/C), Darryl Jones (12, F/C),  
43 Donarick Walker (10, C/F), Reginald Gilbert (11, C), Assistant  
44 Coach Michael Tardy, Scorekeeper Khorsculyar Williams, Managers  
45 Joshua Anderson, Larry Jones, Jeremy Ingram, and Adrian Reed; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special  
47 accomplishment of this group of student athletes who have brought  
48 honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
49 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 Yazoo County High School  
53 "Panthers" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Archie Carlyle for  
54 winning the Class 3A MHSAA State Championship and extend to them  
55 the best wishes of the Legislature for their future athletic and  
56 academic successes.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
58 Yazoo County High School Principal Chisolm, the Panthers, and  
59 Coach Carlyle, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.