

By: Representative McBride

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SOUTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH RICKY
3 WOODS FOR BREAKING THE MISSISSIPPI RECORD OF 52 CONSECUTIVE
4 VICTORIES BY SETTING A NEW STATE RECORD OF 60.

5 WHEREAS, in the 2006 football season, the South Panola High
6 School Tigers Football Team has continued its quest to produce the
7 best high school football team and players in Mississippi through
8 its tradition of hard work and hard hitting; and

9 WHEREAS, the Tigers defeated Columbus 42-0 on Friday, October
10 6, 2006, before an estimated crowd of 4,000 in Batesville's Tiger
11 Stadium, for a Mississippi record of 52 consecutive victories; and

12 WHEREAS, South Panola's dynamic feat surpasses the record set
13 by Hamilton in the years 1979-1983; and

14 WHEREAS, what this represents for Coach Ricky Woods is the
15 success associated with hard work contributed by the team; and

16 WHEREAS, classed in the 5A division, the state's largest high
17 school classification, the Tigers have not lost a game since
18 December 4, 2002, when Wayne County beat them 21-14 for the State
19 Championship, having won 14 straight games before that upset; and

20 WHEREAS, Woods, in his fifth year at South Panola, has won a
21 remarkable 66 of 67 games, an achievement he modestly credits to
22 his players, his assistant coaches and to a community that has
23 thrown full-fledged support behind the mighty Tigers; and

24 WHEREAS, South Panola's victory streak includes the following
25 highlights: No. 1: August 28, 2003, beat Clarksdale 43-0; No.
26 15: December 5, 2003, beat Oak Grove 33-14 to win the Class 5A
27 State Championship and school's third state title and first since
28 1998; No. 9: in final *USA Today* rankings; No. 30: December 3,

29 2004, beat Ocean Springs 39-21 to win the second straight Class 5A
30 State Title and broke the record for the longest winning streak by
31 a 5A school; No. 7: in final *USA Today* rankings; No. 45:
32 December 9, 2005, beat Meridian 51-14 to become the first team to
33 win three straight Class 5A State Championships; No. 6: in final
34 *USA Today* rankings; No. 51: September 29, 2006, beat Olive Branch
35 12-7 in Batesville to establish a new state record; No. 60:
36 December 1, 2006, beat Meridian 28-21 in the Class 5A State
37 Championship; and

38 WHEREAS, this team's state-record winning streak has now
39 reached 60 games with its fourth consecutive 15-0 season
40 ("four-closure") by beating Meridian 28-21 in the Class 5A
41 Championship game in Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium before
42 a crowd of 14,000 on Friday, December 1, 2006; and

43 WHEREAS, this latest chapter in the Tiger dynasty is probably
44 the most satisfying of all for the incredibly successful coach and
45 team which is a credit to the community itself, and which has
46 produced young men who have brought honor to their school, their
47 community and to the State of Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
49 excellence especially when evidenced by the outstanding young
50 people of our state who are its future:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the South
54 Panola High School Tigers Football Team and Head Coach Ricky Woods
55 for breaking the Mississippi statewide record of 52 consecutive
56 victories and setting a new state record of 60 straight wins, and
57 extend best wishes for continued success in all of their future
58 academic and athletic endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Coach Ricky Woods, the Superintendent of South Panola
61 High School and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.