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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 521

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 SOUTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH  
3 RICKY WOODS FOR WINNING THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT UNDEFEATED SEASON  
4 AND THE CLASS 5A CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the latest chapter of the Panola High School Tiger  
6 dynasty might be the most satisfying of all for incredibly  
7 successful football Coach Ricky Woods. South Panola capped a  
8 fourth straight 15-0 season on Friday, December 1, 2006, by  
9 beating Meridian 28-21 in the Class 5A final in a thrilling match  
10 before an estimated crowd of 14,000 at Mississippi Veterans  
11 Memorial Stadium for an unprecedented fourth consecutive  
12 Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) State Title;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Tigers survived a relentless comeback effort  
15 from Meridian, but this victory will take their state record  
16 streak, now at 60 games, into their 2007 opener at the Red Carpet  
17 Bowl in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, the Tigers added another feather in their cap with  
19 the No. 1 ranking in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super 10, which is right  
20 where South Panola began the season during the swelter of August;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, South Panola's six State Championships match the  
23 state record established by Weir High School. The Tigers' fourth  
24 State Championship ("four-closure") follows last year's  
25 ("three-peat") Championship which was also a state record. South  
26 Panola has played in nine State Championships since the series  
27 began in 1983; and

28           WHEREAS, there were a few close games along the way for a  
29 program who's state-record winning streak has now reached 60 games  
30 dating back to the beginning of the 2003 season. Five teams,  
31 Clarksdale, Moss Point, Olive Branch, Provine and Meridian, played  
32 the Tigers within 10 points, a feat of sorts that happened just  
33 once in the previous four seasons. "We were really searching for  
34 our identity, but at the end we finally found out," said Coach  
35 Woods, who's record is 74-1 since his 2002 arrival in Batesville,  
36 Mississippi; and

37           WHEREAS, *The Clarion-Ledger* 2006 All-State Football Team  
38 featured 6-3, 260 pound South Panola Senior Linebacker Chris  
39 Strong, who was named "Mr. Football" for 2006. Chris owns four  
40 State Championship rings. Strong lived up to his preseason  
41 billing as the state's most heralded prospect, powering a defense  
42 that always seemed to rise to the occasion. He's a fierce hitter  
43 who can cover sideline to sideline and is blessed with remarkable  
44 closing speed for his size. His 2006 statistics: 53 tackles; 19  
45 assists; and 5 sacks; and

46           WHEREAS, other members of the 2006 All-State Football Team  
47 from South Panola include:

48           • Jeramie Griffin, 6-0, 225 pound Senior Running Back.  
49 Griffin saw action at fullback and tailback; his size,  
50 speed and pass-catching ability gave him the potential  
51 to be a feature back at the next level. His 2006  
52 statistics: 174 rushes; 1,288 yards; 7.4 average yards  
53 per carry; and 19 touchdowns.

54           • Kevin Young, 5-11, 190 pound Senior Linebacker.  
55 Young played like a heat-seeking missile, seemingly  
56 always around the football. He lined up at outside  
57 linebacker and safety, providing an ideal complement to  
58 Chris Strong with his versatility. His 2006 statistics:  
59 53 tackles; 14 assists; 3 interceptions; 3 forced  
60 fumbles; and 7-1/2 sacks.

61           • Darius Barksdale, 5-11, 190 pound Junior Defensive  
62           Back. "Tig" might be the state's most dynamic two-way  
63           player as a running back and free safety. He was  
64           capable of making a big play from anywhere on the field  
65           as evidenced by his 84-yard touchdown dash and  
66           fumble-causing sack in the 5A title game. His 2006  
67           statistics: 35 tackles; 4 interceptions; 1,042 rushing  
68           yards; and 9 touchdowns.

69           • Second Team members included Quarterback Leroy Diggs,  
70           5-10, 185 pound Senior; and Offensive Lineman Cameron  
71           Wagner, 5-10, 290 pound Junior; and

72           WHEREAS, the 2006 South Panola Tiger Team and Tiger Coaches  
73           are as follows: Chris Strong, LB; Jeramie Griffin, FB; David  
74           Renfroe, P/K/QB; Marvin Burdette, LB; Mario Nash, QB; Xavier Lee,  
75           QB; Montez Austin, WR/DB; Kevin Young, LB; Bud Barksdale, LB;  
76           Marcus Lee, WR; David Conner, DB/QB; Reuben Corley, FB; Tigg  
77           Barksdale, DB/RB; Ira Perry, LB/FB; Leroy Diggs, QB/DB; David  
78           Baker, TE; Justin Market, WR/RB; Travius Butler, WR; Chris Butler,  
79           DB; Anthony Ladd, DE; Stanley McMiller, DB; Danny Humphrey, DB;  
80           Ortiss Robertson, LB; Aaron Wilson, WR; Quinterous Wright, RB/DB;  
81           Rodney Diggs, LB; Miquel Reyes, DL; Jason Milam, DB; Jeremy  
82           Harris, LB; Maurice Market, LB; LaReco Lee, FB; Nick Johnson, LB;  
83           D'Angelo Carr, DB; C.J. Sowden, LB; Ladarius Jones, DB; Joshua  
84           Shipp, LB; Demario Kincaid, LB; Terrance Griffin, TB; Darryl  
85           Thomas, LB; Derek Thomas, TE; Justin Carothers, FB; Vandell  
86           Pollard, TE; Marquis Shegog, LB; Marlon Wilks, DE; Laroyis  
87           Chapman, DB; Jevon Robertson, TE; Jemarcus Hardrick, OL/DE; Quin  
88           Sanford, OL; Marjarvin Chapman, DL; Jonathan Hardin, OL; Don  
89           Blevins, OL; Josh Forehand, OL; Jarred Draper, DL; Nick Sledge,  
90           DL; Deshun Sandridge, DL; Cordarrius McMurry, OL; Justin Hardrick,  
91           DE; Kendrick Strong, DL; J.R. Irvin, OL; Cameron Wagner, OL;  
92           Hunter Bailey, OL; Jonathan Wilson, OL; Kenterris Williams, OL;  
93           Adam McCachren, LB; Demetrius Dunn, LB; Kendrick Gray, WR;

94 Terrance Pope, TE/DE; Wesley Jefferson, DE; Roderick Jefferson,  
95 WR; Okoya McGee, WR; Allen House, WR; Jeremy Johnson, TE; Charles  
96 Corley, DE; Head Coach/Athletic Director Ricky Woods; Assistant  
97 Coaches: John Davis, Willis Wright, Arnie Oakes, Trenell Edwards,  
98 Michael Fair, Mark Weaver, Lucian King, Gary Sims; and

99 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
100 singular achievement of this talented group of student athletes  
101 whose incredible success of four seasons and 60 wins have brought  
102 honor to their school, their enthusiastic community and to the  
103 State of Mississippi:

104 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
105 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
106 we do hereby commend and congratulate the South Panola High School  
107 "Tigers" Football Team and Head Coach Ricky Woods for winning  
108 their fourth straight undefeated season and the Class 5A  
109 Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for future  
110 academic and athletic success.

111 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
112 Principal Dr. Gearl Loden and Superintendent Dr. Keith Shaffer for  
113 the team and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.