

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 530

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PUCKETT HIGH SCHOOL "WOLVES" FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CLASS
3 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR UNDEFEATED 2006 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the Puckett High School "Wolves" Football Team have
5 another golden football to display in the trophy case. Puckett
6 Backs Jonathan Cameron and Matt Willis combined for four
7 touchdowns, and the Wolves' defense forced six East Webster
8 turnovers to claim a 38-20 win, and the Class 1A State
9 Championship on Friday, December 1, 2006, before an estimated
10 5,500 fans at Veterans Memorial Stadium; and

11 WHEREAS, this was the first time Puckett played for 1A State
12 Championship since 2002 when they won their first State
13 Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, coached by Jaris Patrick and assisted by Lance
15 Dodson, Ben Dew and Jason Moore, the team took the field in its
16 championship game for its first daytime game this season; and

17 WHEREAS, Puckett Head Coach Jaris Patrick clenched the
18 championship trophy, a golden football, before entering the
19 Wolves' locker room after the game. "The kids have worked hard
20 all season and this was our goal," Patrick said; and

21 WHEREAS, Puckett completed its championship run perfectly,
22 finishing the 2006 campaign 14-0; and

23 WHEREAS, the Town of Puckett was shut down during the
24 championship game because there were thousands on hand supporting
25 the Wolves. Puckett only has a population of 319 officially; and

26 WHEREAS, after claiming a state championship in his third
27 season as Head Coach, Jaris Patrick said he expects the Wolves to

28 win the 2007 title as well. However, the Senior Class will be
29 missed by the Wolves, who will lose eight Seniors from the team
30 that capped the perfect season with a State Championship; and

31 WHEREAS, the Wolves scored 581 points in the championship
32 season and allowed only 105; and

33 WHEREAS, special awards for the championship team include
34 Head Coach Jaris Patrick, who was named Class 1A "Coach of the
35 Year"; Wesley Purvis, who was named Class 1A First Team
36 Linebacker; Jonathan Cameron, who was also named Class 1A First
37 Team Linebacker; Matthew Willis, who was named Class 1A Second
38 Team Running Back; Pat Cook, Second Team Guard; Nathan Sullivan,
39 Second Team Center; Dewayne Floyd, Second Team Tackle; and Wilbert
40 Lee, Second Team Study Safety; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
42 outstanding accomplishment by these student athletes who have
43 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
44 Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Puckett High School
48 "Wolves" Football Team and Head Coach Jaris Patrick for winning
49 the Class 1A State Championship and for their undefeated 2006
50 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature in
51 their future athletic and academic endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 the Principal of Puckett High School and Coach Patrick for the
54 team and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.