

By: Senator(s) Butler, Harden, Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 578

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SOUTH PIKE HIGH SCHOOL "EAGLES" WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 MHSAA CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND SENIOR POWERLIFTER CHRIS
4 ABRON FOR SETTING 11 STATE RECORDS.

5 WHEREAS, South Pike High School Senior Powerlifter Chris
6 Abron led the way in helping the "Eagles" capture the Mississippi
7 High School Activities Association's Class 3A Powerlifting
8 Championship on Friday, April 9, 2006, at Madison Central High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, Chris Abron established five more state records as
11 South Pike won the meet with 36 points. It was South Pike's first
12 state championship in the sport; and

13 WHEREAS, Chris Abron won the 181-pound class with a total
14 weight of 1,580 pounds, a 3A state record. Abron set 3A records
15 in winning the squat (635 pounds) and deadlift (630 pounds). He
16 also set marks for overall classes in the squat and total weight.
17 Abron has 11 state records; and

18 WHEREAS, lifters participating in the State Championship
19 included: Lance Brown, Kendric Butler, Patrick Webber, Chris
20 Abron, Rovon Johnson, Jonathan Hodges, DeMario Richard and Randy
21 Carter; and

22 WHEREAS, South Pike Senior Randy Carter won the 308-pound
23 division. Carter won with 1,570 pounds and set a state record in
24 the squat with 605 pounds. The remaining Senior, Pat Webber,
25 finished third in the 165-pound division with 1,235 pounds; and

26 WHEREAS, "It's been great. My Seniors dedicated themselves
27 to the weight room," said South Pike Powerlifting Coach Tyrone

28 Varnado. "They rallied the other kids. Their dedication was the
29 biggest thing that helped us be so successful"; and

30 WHEREAS, DeMario Richard captured the 242-pound class with
31 1,550 total pounds, a state record. He also set a new mark in the
32 deadlift with 600 pounds. Jonathan Hodges finished second in the
33 220-pound class with 1,370 pounds. Rovon Johnson was third in the
34 198-pound class with 1,240 pounds. Lance Brown (123 pounds) and
35 Kendrick Butler (132 pounds), son of State Senator Kelvin Butler,
36 placed fourth in their respective classes. Brown had 780 total
37 pounds, while Butler had 935 pounds. South Pike finished second
38 in the 2004 meet in Class 4A behind Pearl; and

39 WHEREAS, earlier South Pike placed third in the Natchez
40 Invitational, second in the South Pike Invitational and Region 4
41 District 7 Runner-Up in the 2006 3A Region 4 District 7 South
42 State Championship. The team has won the South State Championship
43 three years in a row. Two of these were in 4A classifications and
44 one in 3A. They also have finished in the top five in the last
45 three years and were State Runner-Up to Pearl High School in
46 2003-2004; and

47 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
48 achievement by a group of student athletes who have brought honor
49 to 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 South Pike High School
53 "Eagles" Weightlifting Team for winning the Mississippi High
54 School Activities Association Class 3A State Championship, and
55 particularly recognize Senior Powerlifter Chris Abron for setting
56 11 state records, and extend to them the best wishes of the
57 Legislature in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 the Principal of South Pike High School and Coach Tyrone Varnado

60 for the team and be forwarded to the Pike County Board of
61 Education and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.