

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 581

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PEARL HIGH SCHOOL "PIRATES" BOYS SOCCER TEAM AND COACH ANDY KIVLAN
3 FOR WINNING THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Class 4A boys final on Saturday, February 10,
5 2007, was a soccer fan's dream come true. It featured two rivals,
6 Pearl High School and Florence High School, meeting in what would
7 be a "Rankin County War." Fans were treated to nasty collisions,
8 diving saves, stellar play from both goal-keepers, maybe a thrown
9 fist or two and plenty of offense; and

10 WHEREAS, Florence appeared to have the game won in the 45th
11 minute when the Eagles had a 2-0 lead; however, the Pirates had an
12 answer in Senior Forward David Slowik, who scored the winning goal
13 seven minutes into overtime to lift Pearl to a 3-2
14 come-from-behind win in front of an estimated 800 fans at
15 Millsaps' Harper Davis Field; and

16 WHEREAS, with his winning shot, preceded by goals from Dillon
17 Walker and Chris Williams, the Pearl Pirates claimed their third
18 consecutive Class 4A title; and

19 WHEREAS, first-year Pearl Coach Andy Kivlan got his third 4A
20 title after winning two previous championships at St. Stanislaus.
21 "It was pretty improbable," Kivlan said. "But you don't put
22 anything past these kids. A lot of it had to do with heart and
23 determination"; and

24 WHEREAS, Pearl (19-6-1) lost 13 Seniors from its previous two
25 title-winning teams, and Coach Kivlan said the team had been
26 challenged all year; and

27 WHEREAS, the Pirates defeated West Lauderdale, Oxford and
28 Pontotoc in the playoffs prior to the State Championship victory
29 over Florence and the team roster is as follows: Josh Beam (K);
30 Dillon Walker (M); Kyle Collins (D); Manny Garcia (M); Steven
31 Nelson (D); Adam Wade (D); Dusty Wilson (M); Kevin Clarke (F/M);
32 Trey Fontaine (F/M); Tyler Love (D); Chris Williams (M); Josh
33 Emmons (D/M); Andrew Black (D/M); Jonathan Jones (F/M); David
34 Slowik (F); Josh Bailey (D); Joseph Logue (M); Justin Waite (M/F);
35 Michael Scarborough (D/M); Michael Skaggs (M); Jonathan Logue (M);
36 Kyle Thompson (F); John Wixson (K/M); Austin Coley (M); Eli
37 McMillan (D); Eddie Ronquillo (F/M); Kyle Williams (M); Russell
38 Williamson (M/D); Thomas Moore (F/M); and Nick Weeks (D); and

39 WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Pearl High School sports
40 program to produce young men and women who have the capacity to be
41 successful citizens in our highly competitive society, and it is
42 with great pride that we recognize this unique achievement by a
43 team of student athletes who have brought honor to their school,
44 their community and to the State of 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 Pearl High School
48 "Pirates" Boys Soccer Team and Coach Andy Kivlan for winning their
49 third consecutive Class 4A State Championship and extend to the
50 team our best wishes for success in their future athletic and
51 academic endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Athletic Director Woody Barnett and Coach Andy Kivlan for the team
54 and be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the Pearl Public
55 School District and the Capitol Press Corps.