

By: Senator(s) Posey, Chassaniol, Clarke,
Dearing, Gordon, Hyde-Smith, Lee (35th),
White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 592

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 COPIAH ACADEMY "COLONELS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH MITCH
3 MITCHELL FOR WINNING THEIR THIRD MPSA AA STATE FOOTBALL
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2006 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, in a game that came down to the last play, the
6 Copiah Academy "Colonels" Football Team celebrated its first
7 Mississippi Private School Association (MPSA) State AA
8 Championship since the Colonels won back-to-back AA titles in 1980
9 and 1981 with a 24-21 win over Kirk Academy on Thursday, November
10 30, 2006; and

11 WHEREAS, after starting the season 3-4, Copiah Academy won
12 its final seven games of the season to finish 10-4; and

13 WHEREAS, Kirk Academy had a chance to tie the game on the
14 final of the game with a 44-yard field goal attempt, but the kick
15 fell short and the Copiah Academy players and fans celebrated
16 their victory after the suspense was over; and

17 WHEREAS, Copiah Academy Running Back Jake Guess had a solid
18 game, scoring two touchdowns. His first was a 5-yard reception
19 from Quarterback Daniel Sims and his second touchdown was a 1-yard
20 run, giving the Colonels a 24-14 lead with 11:03 remaining in the
21 game. Both of Guess' touchdowns were set up by the special teams
22 and defense. His first touchdown came after a fumble recovery and
23 the second touchdown came after a blocked punt. Copiah Academy's
24 other scores came on a 1-yard by Sims and a 27-yard field goal by
25 Richard Henley; and

26 WHEREAS, Copiah Academy Head Coach Mitch Mitchell said that
27 the work his team does off the field paid off in the championship
28 game. "This is why we come to work at 6:00 in the morning during

29 the summer -- for nights like tonight. Our players did not give
30 up after a tough start to the season, and we are real proud of how
31 they have responded during this playoff run," Mitchell said; and

32 WHEREAS, Copiah Academy made its fourth appearance in the AA
33 State Championship game. The Colonels won in 1980 and 1981 and
34 lost in last year's final. Kirk Academy has not appeared in the
35 AA finals since 1981 when Copiah Academy defeated Kirk Academy
36 31-14 at Gallman to claim the AA State Football Championship; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
38 of student athletes who have ended their 25-year wait for a State
39 Championship and have brought honor to their school, their
40 community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Copiah Academy
44 "Colonels" Football Team and Head Coach Mitch Mitchell for winning
45 their third Mississippi Private School Association AA State
46 Championship and for their outstanding 2006 season and extend to
47 them the best wishes of the Legislature for their future athletic
48 and academic successes.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 the Headmaster of Copiah Academy and Coach Mitchell for the team
51 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.