

By: Senator(s) Butler, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 613

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SOUTH PIKE HIGH SCHOOL "LADY EAGLES" BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH MARCUS FLIPPIN FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
4 AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2006-2007 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the South Pike High School "Lady Eagles" Girls
6 Basketball Team defeated Senatobia 66-64 on Thursday, March 8,
7 2007, before a Mississippi Coliseum crowd of 3,200 to win a
8 thrilling Class 3A State Championship game; and

9 WHEREAS, South Pike (30-5), ranked No. 5 in Class 3A,
10 couldn't celebrate until a desperation shot by Senatobia's Tywana
11 Webb fell short, setting off a celebration among the Lady Eagle
12 fans; and

13 WHEREAS, "We knew it was going to be a tough game," said
14 South Pike Coach Marcus Flippin, in his sixth season. "Their
15 size, especially with their two guards, presented us with a
16 problem and we tried to prepare for it. We're pretty tough, too.
17 We just said let's turn this into a physical battle and see what
18 we can do. We hit some big shots, and that's been the story of
19 this team all year long"; and

20 WHEREAS, Ivielle Stewart, who moved from New Orleans after
21 Hurricane Katrina, scored 17 points, including five 3-pointers, to
22 lead South Pike. Her biggest trey came with 1:46 remaining and
23 her team trailing 62-61. Junior Guard Kampatrice Slocum added 15
24 points for the Lady Eagles, who won their first state title since
25 former All-American Janice Felder led the team to three titles,
26 including back-to-back crowns in 1989 and 1990; and

27 WHEREAS, the win closed a dominant 3A season for the Eagles,
28 who will play March 15-17 in the Grand Slam Tournament in Tupelo.

29 South Pike only lost five games and hadn't lost since the
30 championship game in the district tournament when Franklin County
31 beat them. The Eagles won three straight games in the South State
32 Tournament to take home that championship and only needed two wins
33 to lay claim to the State Championship in Jackson; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
35 accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have brought
36 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
37 Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend and congratulate the South Pike High School
41 "Lady Eagles" Basketball Team and Head Coach Marcus Flippin for
42 winning the Class 3A State Championship and for their outstanding
43 2006-2007 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the
44 Legislature in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Coach Marcus Flippin and the Principal of South Pike High School,
47 be forwarded to the South Pike School Board and be made available
48 to the Capitol Press Corps.