By: Senator(s) Burton, Thames, Browning, Frazier, Harden

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 632

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 1 2 SCOTT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL "REBELS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD 3 COACH DARRIN GRAY FOR WINNING THE CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE 4 SCHOOL'S FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOYS BASKETBALL.

5 WHEREAS, the Scott Central High School "Rebels" joyously 6 celebrated the school's first State Championship in boys basketball on Saturday, March 10, 2007, where they defeated Tchula 7 8 Marshall for the Class 2A State Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 15, 2007, Scott Central held off East Oktibbeha 68-65 in the opening round of the Mississippi High 10 11 School Activities Association Grand Slam before an announced crowd of 1,156 at BancorpSouth Arena. Scott Central's 1-2 punch of 12 Kenneth Barlow (23 points, 17 rebounds) and Michael Wells (18 13 points, 12 rebounds) provided much of the spark as the Rebels 14 15 built a 15-point lead in the second quarter and held off a 16 determined Titan rally in the final 5 minutes. That victory sent the Class 2A-Champion Rebels (26-12) into a semifinal matchup 17 against 5A-Champion Provine High School (25-9). Kenneth Barlow, 18 of Scott Central, had 23 points and 17 rebounds in a victory over 19 East Oktibbeha and scored 26 points in a loss to Provine at the 20 21 Grand Slam Tournament. Jenirro Bush, East Oktibbeha, scored 21 points in a 68-65 Grand Slam loss to Scott Central; and 22 WHEREAS, the Rebels won the following tournaments on the road 23 24 to the State Championship: East Central Community College Tournament, Scott County Tournament, McAdam Tournament, District 6 25 Tournament, South State Tournament and the State Tournament; and 26 WHEREAS, the following team members achieved these honors: 27 28 All-State Tournament Team: Michael Wells, Kenneth Barlow and * SS02/ R1507* S. C. R. No. 632

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29 Kendrick McKee; MVP State Tournament: Kendrick McKee; All

30 Divisions: Michael Wells, Kenneth Barlow and Kendrick McKee; MVP

31 at District 6: Kenneth Barlow; and 2007 South All-Star Team,

32 Kenneth Barlow; and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Darrin Gray was assisted by Coach Timothy 34 White who observed that these team members "showed a lot of heart 35 and stability through the playoffs"; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this 37 special achievement by a group of student athletes who have 38 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of 39 Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF 40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That 41 42 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Scott Central High School "Rebels" Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Darrin Gray 43 44 for winning the Class 2A State Championship which was the school's 45 first State Championship in boys basketball, and extend to them 46 the best wishes of the Legislature in their future athletic and 47 academic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Coach Gray and the Principal of Scott Central High School for the team, be forwarded to the Scott County Board of Education and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.