

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE INDIANOLA
2 GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL "LADY RAMS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH CHARLES WILLIAMS FOR THEIR PERFECT 2006-2007 SEASON, 4A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
5 ASSOCIATION GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, who's the No. 1 Girls Basketball Team in the state?
7 Indianola Gentry High School answered that question Saturday,
8 March 17, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, the "Lady Rams" completed a perfect season with a
10 thrilling 63-58 victory over Murrah in a much-anticipated No. 1
11 vs. No. 2 title game showdown in the Mississippi High School
12 Activities Association Grand Slam; and

13 WHEREAS, Gentry, ranked No. 2 in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super 10,
14 finished 40-0 to become the first Mississippi High School
15 Activities Association team (boys or girls) to go unbeaten since
16 the Yazoo County Lady Panthers did it in 1999-2000. In the
17 process, the Class 4A State Champion Lady Rams staked their claim
18 as the undisputed best team in Mississippi by knocking off the 5A
19 Champions, ranked No. 1 in the Super 10 and No. 14 nationally by
20 *USA Today*; and

21 WHEREAS, "We felt like we had something to prove," said
22 Gentry Dandy Dozen Senior Sarita Cooper. "All season I felt that
23 we should have been No. 1 the whole time." Cooper and frontcourt
24 mate Veronica Walker -- who helped the school win its first Gold
25 Ball Class 4A Championship on March 10, 2007 -- made sure they
26 delivered the Silver Trophy back to the Delta as well; and

27 WHEREAS, "It was a great day for us," Head Coach Charles
28 Williams said. "But let's be honest, this is why we came here.

29 To win the tournament. This has been an unbelievable year for us.
30 You have to live it to believe it"; and

31 WHEREAS, on the road to the Overall State Championship, the
32 Lady Rams won the Coahoma County Tournament, the Ram Holiday
33 Classic Tournament, the NCAC Tournament, the Division 3-4A
34 Tournament, the North State Tournament, and of course the 4A State
35 Tournament and the Mississippi High School Activities Association
36 Grand Slam Championship; and

37 WHEREAS, the following team members earned special
38 recognition: Sarita Cooper: All-District, All-Conference,
39 All-State; Veronica Walker: All-District, All-Conference,
40 All-State; Laneisha Jennie: All-Conference and All-State; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
42 landmark season accomplished by a group of student athletes who
43 have brought honor to their school, their community and to the
44 State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
47 Indianola Gentry High School "Lady Rams" Girls Basketball Team and
48 Head Coach Charles Williams for their perfect 2006-2007 season,
49 Class 4A State Championship and MHSAA Grand Slam Overall State
50 Championship, and extend to them the best wishes of the Senate for
51 continued athletic and academic success.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Head Coach Charles Williams and the Principal of Gentry High
54 School, be forwarded to the School Board of the Indianola School
55 District and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.