

By: Representative Monsour

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2015 ST. ALOYSIUS BOYS TRACK TEAM FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH
3 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the St. Aloysius High School Boys Track Team won the
5 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 1A state meet
6 bringing home the team championship for the first time in school
7 history on May 8, 2015, under the leadership of Coach Keiko Booth;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, DeMichael Harris charged the way winning three
10 individual gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes,
11 finishing second in the triple jump and setting two Class 1A
12 records with a time of 10.75 seconds in the 100 meter dash and a
13 time of 48.52 seconds in the 400 meter dash breaking a division
14 record that had stood for 37 years, although his run in the 200
15 meter dash did not break a record, it was the race that clinched
16 the team title; and



17 WHEREAS, the Flashes totaled an outstanding 113 points
18 leaving John F. Kennedy High School with 79 points and Ray Brooks
19 High School with 78 points in the dust; and

20 WHEREAS, it was unrelenting resolve and perseverance that led
21 St. Aloysius to this ultimate victory for the first time, despite
22 not having an actual track, they found innovative alternatives to
23 refine their skills and could not be stopped from making school
24 history; and

25 WHEREAS, the Flashes were excellently coached and motivated
26 by Coach Keiko Booth, who will quickly deflect any attention to
27 any individual coach or player's victory, but would rather assert
28 with humility that it was a holistic team effort; and

29 WHEREAS, the team's many accomplishments this day included:
30 Tae Warnsley, who won overall in the 300 meter hurdles and second
31 in the 110 meter hurdles; Luke Eckstein received third in the
32 1,600 and 3,200 meters; and Josh Price earned second in the
33 discus; and

34 WHEREAS, medaling in 10 of 14 events, they only finished
35 worse than fifth in one event concluding the night with a
36 tremendous victory by the 4x400 relay team of Warnsley, Connor
37 Bottin, Lofton Varner and Emanuel Islam, a team that had not lost
38 all season and refused to let up in the grand finale; and

39 WHEREAS, based on this outstanding season, in the summer
40 following this event, Harris was awarded the prestigious Gatorade
41 State Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year, given only to one



42 athlete per sport in each state based on his three individual
43 state sprint titles for the 2014-2015 season, his academic
44 excellence with a 3.67 GPA and exemplary character as an usher at
45 his church; additionally, he was named the county's Co-Player of
46 the Year and Track and Field Athlete of the Year at the statewide
47 Best of the Preps Banquet, quite an astounding feat for the now
48 senior; and

49 WHEREAS, the Flashes have developed a winning and
50 team-oriented spirit with an attitude that reflects great credit
51 upon the individual players, Coach Booth, St. Aloysius High School
52 and the State of Mississippi; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
54 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
55 our state, who are its future:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
58 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate St. Aloysius
59 Boys Track Team and Coach Keiko Booth upon a fantastic 2014-2015
60 season and for winning the Mississippi High School Activities
61 Association Class 1A State Championship, and extend best wishes
62 for continued success in all of their future athletic and academic
63 endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to St. Aloysius High School, Coach Keiko Booth and to
66 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

