

By: Senator(s) Harkins, Longwitz, Kirby,  
Barnett, Blackwell, Carmichael, Fillingane,  
Norwood, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 530

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND SALUTE THE JACKSON  
2 PREPARATORY SCHOOL "PATRIOTS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH RICKY  
3 BLACK FOR THEIR 4TH CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE WHICH IS THEIR 22ND  
4 MAIS CLASS AAA TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep's dominance as a member of the  
6 Mississippi Association of Independent Schools is head and  
7 shoulders above the rest of the league. The Patriots have been  
8 operating at an elite level for the better part of five decades.  
9 They captured their 22nd MAIS Class AAA State Championship in a  
10 51-13 win over MRA on November 19, 2015, to achieve their first  
11 four-peat in school history in the 2015 season; and

12 WHEREAS, even with 90% of Prep's offense and defense gone  
13 from last year's team, the 2015 Jackson Prep Squad recorded an  
14 undefeated record (13-0), scored the most points in school history  
15 (540) and extended an 11-year regular season winning streak at  
16 home against MAIS opponents to 54; and

17 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep has evolved into a well-oiled machine  
18 over the last 44 years, one whose long line of success starts long  
19 before athletes reach high school. Prep has the best "farm



20 system" in Mississippi. Years before they suit up for longtime  
21 Coach Ricky Black, athletes are conditioned to the culture of Prep  
22 in junior high football, which begins in seventh grade. Before  
23 that, they're already being taught the basics of the game well  
24 before many of their peers; and

25 WHEREAS, "It's amazing what this team accomplished after last  
26 year," Jackson Prep Coach Ricky Black said. Black tipped his hat  
27 again and again to the seniors for capturing the first four-peat  
28 in school history; and

29 WHEREAS, in the championship game, Prep (13-0) scored four  
30 touchdowns in the first 18 minutes of play and led 28-0 at the  
31 half. Freshman running back Jerrion Ealy hauled in two touchdown  
32 receptions in the second and third quarters. He finished with 201  
33 all-purpose yards and was responsible for securing a 42-7 lead  
34 midway through the third quarter after he caught a 10-yard  
35 touchdown in the back of the end zone. Quarterback Chance  
36 Lovertich's 242 yards passing for four touchdowns played a  
37 critical role in the win. Over the past four months, the  
38 sophomore not only gained more experience as the season wore on  
39 but understood how Prep's offense manifests best. Prep's defense  
40 capped off a year where it allowed 10.3 points per game by forcing  
41 turnovers early and allowing its offense to get back on the field  
42 and score quickly. MRA (10-3) didn't once cross onto Prep's side  
43 of the field in the first half and was held to 55 total yards of  
44 offense; and



45           WHEREAS, the 2015 Patriots Football Team Roster is: Haynes  
46 Horsley, Biggs Henry, Tate Fowler, Adam Crawford, Chance  
47 Lovertich, Vann Crawford, Chris Puckett, JoJo Pound, Clark  
48 Stovall, Creed Franklin, Kaleb Lovertich, Cooper Carroll, Davis  
49 Clayton, Worth Eskrigge, Dylan Torrence, Ryan Myers, Parker  
50 Gleason, John Wooley, Jake Newsome, Hays Dubberly, Jack Young,  
51 Jacob Crawley, Lee Meena, Jerrion Ealy, Landon Wilbanks, John-Nix  
52 Arledge, Jabari Aiken, William Garrard, Wilson Mink, Christopher  
53 Russell, Evan Johnson, Reed Peets, Spivey Gault, John Keeler,  
54 Edwin Smith, Gannon Hayes, Graham Eklund, Maddox Henry, Ross  
55 Edwards, Brock Loposer, Sam Mosley, Nevin Wells, Will Massey, Trey  
56 Currie, Barrett Bufkin, J.C. Pride, Kole Crotwell, Xavier Keys,  
57 Wesley Williams, Brooks Gobbel, Michael Barranco, Carlisle Porter,  
58 Griffin Callender, Spencer Sasser, Knox Loposer, Logan Osborne,  
59 Ben Burnett, Patrick Phillips, Brady Culbertson, Walker Wilbanks,  
60 Noah Sasser, Jacob Aron, Zachary Gay, Jack Myers, Forrest Smith,  
61 Gregory Vance, William Cotten, Caleb Carter, Tyler Tyree, Russell  
62 Roberts, Healy Vice, Andrew Beard, Noah Allen, Clark Beard, Taylor  
63 Wallace, Russell Weathersby and Nik Hogan; and

64           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend this team of  
65 championship student athletes who have brought honor to their  
66 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

67           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
69 we do hereby recognize and salute the Jackson Preparatory School



70 "Patriots" Football Team and Head Coach Ricky Black for their 4th  
71 consecutive State Title which is their 22nd MAIS Class AAA Title,  
72 and extend the best wishes of the Legislature to the team,  
73 coaches, parents and sponsors for future success.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
75 Coach Ricky Black for the team, Jackson Prep Headmaster Jason L.  
76 Walton, forwarded to the Jackson Prep Board of Trustees, and made  
77 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

