

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd), Barnett,
Frazier, Jackson (11th), Norwood

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 578

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 KEMPER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "WILDCATS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 CHRIS JONES FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST MHSAA CLASS 3A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Kemper County High School "Wildcats" Football Team
6 secured its first State Championship by beating Charleston 12-8 at
7 Davis Wade Stadium at Mississippi State on December 3, 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, for a team that entered the game averaging 36.7
9 points per game, it was the Wildcats' defense that stood out.
10 Kemper County (15-1) made several key stops to halt drives;
11 Charleston converted only once in five attempts on fourth down;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 2013, Kemper County was a feel-good story, making
14 a playoff appearance after a one-win season. The next year, it
15 took things a couple steps further, reaching the State Semifinals.
16 Then last year, the Wildcats finished 10-3. "I am so proud of
17 this win," Coach Chris Jones said. "That's because you have to
18 find other ways"; and



19 WHEREAS, quarterback Eric Clark completed 9 of 20 passes for
20 252 yards and two touchdowns. Clayton caught five of those
21 passes, including both touchdowns, and had 229 yards. Fittingly,
22 this was the way the duo dominated all season. Clark threw 47
23 touchdowns heading into the game and Clayton had caught 28 of
24 them. They have been throwing together for a long time and it
25 just comes natural; and

26 WHEREAS, when it was over and despite it was already raining,
27 players drenched Coach Jones with a Gatorade bath. The Coach then
28 jogged around the field, embracing all the players on his team he
29 could make eye contact with before clutching the trophy. This
30 victory put Kemper County on the map; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2016 Kemper County High School "Wildcats"
32 Football Roster is: Gus Nave, Jr., CB, WR; Jameez Sims, QB; Tyler
33 McNeil, CB; Marcus Fox, DB; Rondarius Gowdy, RB; Deandre Smith,
34 DE; Eric Clark, Jr., QB; Senous Williams, S, RB; Johnny Medcalf,
35 TE, DE; Jadus Clayton, WR, CB; Rodrick Williams, Jr., WR;
36 Quanderius Bohannon, WR; Tyren Glaspie, CB; Jonathan Pollock, WR;
37 De'onte Rush, DE, QB; Jalan Houston, WR; Deonta Culpepper, WR;
38 Ke'Shod Grady, WR; Jarious Love, CB; Jomal Odom, DB; Chandler
39 Roberts, RB; Recadre' Moore, DE; D'anthony O'Neal, DE; Ricardo
40 Windham, RB; Christian Rush, RB; Tra'kalab Welch, TE, OL; Trajan
41 Tanksley, DE, DT; Dorsey Bourrage, DE; Gary Bourrage, LB; Wadarius
42 Perry, LB; Tracy Cole, LB, DE, QB; Simeon Houston, DE; Adrain
43 Moore, RB; Ray'onta Lucas, S; Phillip Campbell, DL; Christopher



44 McCray, DT; Jordan Campbell, G; Jamal Jackson, G; Jamarius
45 Chamberlin, DT; Perryon McClelland, DT, C; Marvin Gale, OL; Wesley
46 Granger, DL; Brandon Hooks, DE; Anterrio Madison, G; Jaylin
47 Clemons, OL; Rodriques McMiller, OL; Marion Drummond, OL; Stephen
48 Cole, T; Quadreikas Clemons, DT; John Dale, T; Orlando Bourrage,
49 OL; Jared Gibbs, WR; Jaquonte Jenkins, DB; Ke'Ontay Love, C, DT;
50 Quadarious Brown, DT; and Christopher Little, Jr., DT; Coach Chris
51 Jones; and Assistant Coaches: Lonnie Phipps; Willie Gandy, Troy
52 Savell, Dred Phillips, Rico McCann, Tevin Nichols, Ray
53 Westerfield, Algie Cole, Jerrell McCallum, LaQuintis Horne and
54 Mike Castro; and Trainers Fred Yates and Kendrick Hull; and

55 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
56 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
57 community and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Kemper County High
61 School "Wildcats" Football Team and Head Coach Chris Jones for
62 winning their first MHSAA Class 3A State Championship and extend
63 to the players, coaches, families and sponsors our best wishes for
64 future success.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Coach Chris Jones for the team, forwarded to Kemper County High
67 School Principal Kathi Wilson and the Kemper County Board of
68 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

