

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.

