

By: Representatives Baker, Calhoun, Gipson,  
Powell, Rogers (61st), Weathersby, Sykes

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACH KELSA D. WALKER ON  
3 WINNING THE 2017 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
4 (MHSAA) CLASS III VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, AND FOR AN OVERALL  
5 OUTSTANDING SEASON.

6 WHEREAS, the Brandon High School Volleyball Team won the 2017  
7 MHSAA Class III Volleyball Championship, truly becoming a force to  
8 be reckoned with throughout Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, with 380 serving aces, 1,351 kills, 1,154 serve  
10 receptions, 367 total blocks, 1,125 assists and 1,620 digs, the  
11 team's statistics are most impressive, and each season produces  
12 outstanding plays by individual players, but the key to the team's  
13 success each year has been the amazing team spirit and year-round  
14 hard work; and

15 WHEREAS, the team's overall record for the 2017 season was  
16 39-2, with the conference record being 6-0, and playoff record  
17 being 4-0 to win the 2017 MHSAA Class III Volleyball Championship;  
18 and



19 WHEREAS, during the playoffs, the team went 12-0 in sets to  
20 sweep the following teams to win the 2017 MHSAA Class III  
21 Volleyball Championship: Pascagoula, 3-0; Oak Grove, 3-0; Tupelo,  
22 3-0; and DeSoto, 3-0; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Brandon High School Volleyball Team  
24 roster is composed of the following talented athletes: Morgan  
25 Bailey, Kennedy Jordan, Natalie Taylor, Raejean Hawkins, Maddie  
26 O'Bryan, Laine Marler, Courtney Bates, Deja Errington, Callie  
27 Minshew, Alexxa Haggerty, Lashundria Chatman, Mary Beth Tharp,  
28 Michaela Comans, Kate Bass, Josie Hutton, Rachel Nolan, Gabbie  
29 Padilla, Alexis Andrews, Olivia Garrett and Courtney Thomas; Head  
30 Coach, Kelsa D. Walker; Assistant Coach, Malorie Aldridge; Student  
31 Assistant, Phoebe Garrett; and Manager, Ana-Grace Landfair; and

32 WHEREAS, several team members were recognized for their  
33 accomplishments this season, including the naming of Laine Marler,  
34 Alexxa Haggerty, Maddie O'Bryan, Callie Minshew, Kate Bass,  
35 Lashundria Chatman and Kennedy Jordan as All Region Players; the  
36 selection of both Callie Minshew and Alexxa Haggerty as All State  
37 Tournament Players; and the naming of Alexxa Haggerty, Laine  
38 Marler, Kennedy Jordan, Callie Minshew and Kate Bass as All Star  
39 Players; and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to their impressive statistics on the  
41 volleyball court, the team has tremendous dedication in the  
42 classroom, having a GPA of 3.679 for the last season, and being a



43 Scholar Athlete Team for the past three seasons that Kelsa D.  
44 Walker has been head coach; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy this Legislature to recognize and  
46 commend student-athletes who have brought honor to their school,  
47 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Brandon  
51 High School Volleyball Team and Coach Kelsa D. Walker for winning  
52 the 2017 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)  
53 Class III Volleyball Championship and for an overall outstanding  
54 season, and further extend to the team, coaches, parents and  
55 sponsors our best wishes for future success.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
57 furnished to Head Coach Kelsa D. Walker and to the members of the  
58 Capitol Press Corps.

