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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2017-2018 GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM, HEAD COACH HENRIK
3 MADSEN AND ASSISTANT COACHES PATRICK WADSWORTH AND FREDY CLAVIJO
4 UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
5 CLASS 6A BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School Boys Admirals Soccer Team
7 finished their 2017-2018 season by raising the coveted
8 championship trophy high into the air when they reigned victorious
9 at the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)
10 Class 6A Boys Soccer State Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, commanding the attention of their opponents much
12 like the ruthless Admirals for which they are named, the Gulfport
13 High School Boys Soccer Team charged against their opponents like
14 an ambushing cavalry during the championship series, pulverizing
15 the championship dreams of each of their foes on their way to the
16 ultimate victory; and

17 WHEREAS, the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Soccer State Champions, who
18 are ranked number four in the nation out of 14,000 boys soccer
19 teams by MaxPreps, finished their season with an 18-4-3 record and



20 on an 11 game winning streak, outscoring the opposition by a score
21 of 31-2, a true testament to each players' unrivaled skill and
22 ardent determination to win; and

23 WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and
24 unimaginable amounts of strength, on February 17, 2018, at
25 Ridgeland High School in Ridgeland, Mississippi, the Admirals
26 Soccer Team outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered
27 Madison Central High School in a 2-1 win; and

28 WHEREAS, the championship victory was truly an upset for
29 Gulfport High School, as Madison Central High School, a four-time
30 state champion, was the top ranked soccer team in the state
31 according to MaxPreps, but the Admirals kept their focus and
32 played one of their best games of the season during the
33 championship match, as their mental stamina and athletic prowess
34 never wavered from the moment they first walked onto the pitch
35 until the referee blew the final whistle; and

36 WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Admiral team statistics were
37 impressive, and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty
38 kicks and goals by individual players, but the key to this team's
39 consistent success has been the constant team atmosphere and
40 year-round hard work; and

41 WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School Boys Soccer Team, led by
42 senior captains Christopher Bruni and Eli Cupp, is comprised of
43 the following very talented and distinguished young men: Caleb
44 Bergmann, Ethan Boles, Christopher Bruni, Edwin Carranza, James



45 Christian, Joseph Cumberland, Eli Cupp, Mohamed Diallo, Matthew
46 Hagin, Miguel Hernandez, Ivo Jimenez, Jacob Johnson, Gannon Key,
47 Wallace Ladner, Andrew Ladner, Ashton LeBlanc, Cason Lizana,
48 Theodore Madsen, Ahmaud McNair, Adrian Melendez Luna, Joel
49 Morales-Reyes, Durrion Myers, Tatum Myrick, Lucas Ragula, Londin
50 Ratliff, Hutson Rollins, Christopher Smith, Tedford Symmes, Gavin
51 Taylor, Blake Wilson and Matthew Wingerter; and

52 WHEREAS, the Admirals have been superbly coached and inspired
53 by Head Coach Henrik Madsen, who has broadened the players'
54 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution, and
55 Assistant Coaches Patrick Wadsworth and Fredy Clavijo helped the
56 players reach their fullest potential on and off the field and
57 played a huge role in the success of the Gulfport High School Boys
58 Soccer Team; and

59 WHEREAS, Coaches Madsen, Wadsworth and Clavijo continue to
60 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
61 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,
62 as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber players and
63 plays and the team's successful season; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
65 and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi
66 student-athletes, especially those such as the Gulfport High
67 School Admirals Boys Soccer Team, whose excellence on the pitch
68 and in the classroom bring honor to their school, the Gulfport
69 community and the State of Mississippi:



70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
72 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2017-2018
73 Gulfport High School Boys Soccer Team, Head Coach Henrik Madsen
74 and Assistant Coaches Patrick Wadsworth and Fredy Clavijo upon
75 winning the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class
76 6A Boys Soccer State Championship and extend best wishes to the
77 team and coaches for continued success in all of their future
78 athletic and academic endeavors.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
80 furnished to Head Coach Henrik Madsen and to the members of the
81 Capitol Press Corps.

