

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2017 PEARL  
2 RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH DREW  
3 GALLANT UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND  
4 JUNIOR COLLEGES REGION 23 STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT.

5 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Men's Soccer Team  
6 finished the 2017 season with their fifth state title in the last  
7 six seasons when they reigned victorious at the Mississippi  
8 Association of Community and Junior Colleges Region 23 State  
9 Soccer Tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, similar to the agile, ferocious feline for which  
11 they are named, the Wildcats Soccer Team wielded its exceptionally  
12 powerful bite to pierce through the state championship dreams of  
13 each of their opponents in the state playoffs, edging out Hinds  
14 1-0 in the opening round and then pulverizing East Central 3-0 in  
15 the semifinals; and

16 WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and  
17 unimaginable amounts of strength, the Wildcats outlasted,  
18 outplayed and ultimately overpowered Mississippi Gulf Coast  
19 Community College to win 4-1 after two scoreless halves that left



20 fans on the edge of their seats until the shootout was over,  
21 during which time redshirt freshman and goalie Kobe Lie stopped  
22 the first two shots to pave the way to victory and Jevaun Ennis,  
23 Bo Bowman, Bradford Clark and Kyle Estess each made their shots to  
24 solidify victory for the Wildcats; and

25 WHEREAS, the Wildcats defense, comprised of grit, fortitude  
26 and determination, erected a stone wall that helped secure the  
27 championship victory, and the dedication and athletic prowess of  
28 the offensive players helped them become game changers during the  
29 championship match, ensuring the revered title trophy returned to  
30 the Pearl River Community College trophy case; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2017 Wildcats team statistics were impressive,  
32 and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty kicks and  
33 goals by individual players, but the key to this team's  
34 consistent success has been the constant team atmosphere and  
35 year-round hard work; and

36 WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College Wildcats have been  
37 superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Drew Gallant, who has  
38 broadened the team's knowledge of the game and refined their  
39 skills in execution; and

40 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Wildcats have  
41 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of  
42 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great  
43 credit upon the individual players and their coaches, bringing  
44 honor to Pearl River Community College; and



45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
46 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi  
47 student-athletes, especially those such as the Pearl River  
48 Community College Men's Soccer Team, whose excellence and athletic  
49 prowess on the field bring honor to their school, their community  
50 and the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
53 commend and congratulate the 2017 Pearl River Community College  
54 Men's Soccer Team and Head Coach Drew Gallant upon winning the  
55 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Region 23  
56 State Soccer Tournament, their fifth state title in six seasons,  
57 and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for continued  
58 success in all of their future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Head Coach Drew Gallant and to the members of the  
61 Capitol Press Corps.

