

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE FLORENCE HIGH  
2 SCHOOL LADY EAGLES SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH BILL HOOD FOR  
3 WINNING THEIR THIRD MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
4 CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team  
6 finished the 2017-2018 season with their third state title when  
7 they reigned victorious at the Mississippi High School Activities  
8 Association (MHSAA) Class 4A Girls Soccer State Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and  
10 unimaginable amounts of strength, the Lady Eagles Soccer Team  
11 outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered the West  
12 Lauderdale High School Knights despite trailing 2-0 at halftime;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after a scoreless first half left fans on the edge  
15 of their seats, Head Coach Bill Hood gave an inspirational,  
16 go-get-em speech during halftime that brought about an energized  
17 second half, where the Eagles scored two goals and pushed the game  
18 into overtime; and



19 WHEREAS, ninth-grader Madison Carroll netted the equalizer in  
20 the 60th minute when she got into a one-on-one situation and  
21 scored for an easy goal, and the Lady Eagles' defense fought off a  
22 fierce comeback attempt from West Lauderdale, which had its  
23 opportunities to regain the lead in regulation but could not break  
24 through the stone wall erected by the grit, fortitude and  
25 determination of the Lady Eagles' defense; and

26 WHEREAS, then, finally, after an overtime period that left  
27 the score tied up, Sophomore Taylor Ford duped the Knights' goalie  
28 and drilled home the game-winning goal in sudden death, double  
29 overtime to seal a 3-2 win; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Lady Eagles team statistics were  
31 impressive, and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty  
32 kicks and goals by individual players, but the key to this team's  
33 consistent success has been the constant team atmosphere and  
34 year-round hard work; and

35 WHEREAS, the 2018 Florence High School Lady Eagles  
36 Championship roster is comprised of the following athletes:  
37 Taylor McBay, GK; Mikaela Morrison, GK; Hayden Sullivan, C; Addie  
38 Grace Barnard, MF, D; Madeline Edwards, MF, F, D; Maddie Cox, MF,  
39 F, D; Jordan Patrick, MF, F; Macey Spencer, C; Sammie Steen, MF,  
40 F; Jessie Heflin, D, MF; Grace Giglio, MF, D; Caseigh Hickman, C;  
41 Olivia Burnham, GK; Morgan Phillips, D; Taylor Ford, MF, F;  
42 Christina Guzman, MF; Hannah Herren, MF, F; Meghan Sims, MF, F, D;  
43 Madison Carroll, MF; Addison Jordan, D, F, MF; Kaitlin Hubbard, D,



44 MF; Riley Neely, D, MF; Karley Woods, D, MF; Shaelyn Quick, D, MF;  
45 Sadie Woods, MF; Angel Evans, F; and Allyson Goza, MF; and

46 WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles have been superbly coached and  
47 inspired by Head Coach Bill Hood, who has broadened the Lady  
48 Eagles' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
49 execution, and Assistant Coach Josh Cavanaugh helped the players  
50 reach their fullest potential on and off the field and played a  
51 huge role in the success of the Florence High School Girls Soccer  
52 Team; and

53 WHEREAS, Coach Hood and Coach Cavanaugh continue to build  
54 upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by  
55 the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as  
56 evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber players and  
57 plays and the team's successful season; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
59 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi  
60 student-athletes, especially those such as the Florence High  
61 School Lady Eagles Soccer Team, whose excellence on the field and  
62 in the classroom bring honor to their school, their community and  
63 the State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
66 commend and congratulate the Florence High School Lady Eagles  
67 Soccer Team and Head Coach Bill Hood for winning their third  
68 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A State



69 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for  
70 continued success in all of their future endeavors.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
72 furnished to Head Coach Bill Hood, Florence High School Principal  
73 Tony Martin, the Rankin County Board of Education and to the  
74 Capitol Press Corps.

