

By: Senator(s) Clarke, Simmons (12th),
Chassaniol, Dearing, Fillingane, Jackson
(32nd), Norwood, Simmons (13th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SALUTING THE
2 SIMMONS-HOLLANDALE HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE DEVILS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH WADE TACKETT FOR THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT CLASS 1A STATE TITLE
4 AND THEIR 40TH STRAIGHT VICTORY.

5 WHEREAS, undefeated Nanih Waiya and undefeated
6 Simmons-Hollandale were on a collision course since September
7 2017, and the only debate left is which is the unstoppable force
8 and which is the immovable object. On December 1, 2017, the two
9 teams met in the 1A State Championship at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
10 in Oxford. Simmons (14-0) was the two-time defending champ who
11 came into this year's title game having won 39 straight; and

12 WHEREAS, first-year Head Coach Wade Tackett picked up right
13 where his predecessor Tavares Johnson left off, and the "Blue
14 Devil" have not lost a game since November 21, 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, until the title game, Simmons had not trailed in a
16 game all season, and never in the fourth quarter. The "Blue
17 Devils" were down six points with just over two minutes left in
18 the 1A State Championship Game against Nanih Waiya. Demarius
19 Turner took a handoff from quarterback Ty Gipson on a jet sweep



20 and ran four yards into the right side of the end zone. A play
21 later, Marquez Pam completed the two-point conversion and the
22 "Blue Devils" won their third straight 1A Title, 22-20 at
23 Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. Turner and Pam have been Simmons'
24 one-two punch combo all season and in the fourth quarter, they
25 went for the knockout; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2017 Simmons-Hollandale High School "Blue
27 Devils" Football Team Championship Roster is: Charlie Williams,
28 DB/WR; Su'metris Stewart, WR/OLB; Malik Thomas, LB/RB; Fred Smith,
29 S/WR; Marquez Pam, RB/S; Ryan Mabell, S/WR; Antavius Rounds,
30 DB/QB; Ty Gipson, QB; Charles Robinson, T/DE; Colton Mallard,
31 WR/DB; Amos Robinson, TE/LB; Cameron Washington, DE; Pierre Ricks,
32 WR/S; Michael Boyd, LB; Ta'Darrius Williams, WR/S; Demarius
33 Turner, WR/S; Rodrick Wilson, DE; Stemarion Edwards, T/DT; Josh
34 Altman, DB/WR; Markeal Pam, DB; Erik Brown, RB/LB; Tyree
35 Covington, WR; Aaron Davis, RB/DT; Tim Wells, C/DT; Tylenn
36 Bridges, T/DT; Joshua Jordan, G/DT; Erik Tyler, G/DT; Tyren
37 Altman, G/DT; Phuntaine Stewart, T/DE; Tyus Levy, G/DE; Charles
38 Taylor, C/DT; Izell Willis, DT; Rodrick Matthews, T/DT; Denzell
39 Hunter, DE; Eric Clark, T/DE; and Dekaron Davis; Head Coach Wade
40 Tackett; and Assistant Coaches: DJ Christman, Herman Brown and
41 Stanley Grady; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
43 of student athletes who have brought pride to their school, their
44 community and to the State of Mississippi:



45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby commend and salute the Simmons-Hollandale High School
48 "Blue Devils" Football Team and Coach Wade Tackett for their third
49 straight Class 1A State Title and their 40th straight victory, and
50 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes
51 for future success.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Coach Tackett for the team, forwarded to Simmons Principal
54 Shiquita Brown and the Hollandale School District School Board,
55 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

