

By: Senator(s) Watson, Chassaniol, Dearing,
Fillingane, Jackson (32nd), Kirby, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 505

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 OCEAN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL "GREYHOUNDS" CHEERLEADING TEAM AS THE
3 2017 MHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS FOR THE LARGE VARSITY DIVISION.

4 WHEREAS, the Ocean Springs High School Cheerleaders won the
5 2017 Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) State
6 Championship in the Large Varsity Division during State Finals on
7 December 16, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, "I don't know if I could even explain that moment,"
9 said Ocean Springs High School Cheerleading Coach Julianne
10 Nettles. "We were very excited. This was our three seniors'
11 first year in their four years on the Competition Team to win
12 State, so it was a really big win for them"; and

13 WHEREAS, Ocean Springs is no stranger to cheerleading
14 success. One of Mississippi's top programs, the Greyhounds won
15 State Titles from 2011-2014 and a World Championship in 2013, but
16 it had been three years since their last title, a long drought by
17 Ocean Springs High School standards; and



18 WHEREAS, Coach Nettles is the daughter of longtime Ocean
19 Springs High School Cheerleading Coach Dianne Nettles. The
20 younger Nettles had served as an Assistant Coach to her mother and
21 Kelly Pilger for the past four years, but this was her first as
22 the Head Coach. In mid-February she and her squad turned their
23 attention to the National and World Competitions at Walt Disney
24 World. Nettles explained that teams can qualify for the National
25 Competition either by winning their respective State Championships
26 or by qualifying in a Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA)
27 Regional Competition. Ocean Springs qualified for the World
28 Championships by finishing in the Top 10 nationally the prior
29 year. The Greyhounds will compete in the National Finals February
30 10-11, 2018, followed by the World Competition the next day; and

31 WHEREAS, members of the Greyhounds Championship squad are:
32 seniors: Benett DeMeritt, Allison Streiff and Annie Shy; juniors:
33 Emily Davis, Emily Blades, Devyn Rossi, Caroline Melchi, Katelyn
34 Rossi, Tatum Parks, Chloe Kirby and Anna Grace Dill; sophomores:
35 Harper Hendren, Breanna Akins, Lexi Tufo, Brooke Nitz, Nissa
36 Johnson, Bella Valdez, Anniston Warrick, Kristen Wheeler and
37 Olivia Gray; and freshmen: Sophia Diaz, Taylor Goley, Maura Kaye
38 Hubbard, Gianna Milanese, Jane Alice Dill and Alyssa Jones; and it
39 is with great pride that we recognize these student athletes who
40 have brought honor to their school, their community and to the
41 State of Mississippi.



42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
44 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Ocean Springs High
45 School "Greyhounds" Cheerleading Team as the 2017 MHSAA State
46 Champions for the Large Varsity Division and extend to the team,
47 coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Coach Nettles for the team, forwarded to Ocean Springs Principal
50 Vickie J. Tiblier, members of the Ocean Springs School Board, and
51 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

