

By: Senator(s) Parks, Chassaniol, Dearing,  
Fillingane, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 507

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BOTH  
2 THE KOSSUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING TEAMS AND COACH  
3 MICHAEL LEE FOR SWEEPING THE STATE CLASS 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR  
4 2017.

5 WHEREAS, high school bowling has grown into a highly  
6 competitive sport over the past few years and Kossuth High School  
7 has taken advantage to establish one of the best Division 1 teams  
8 in Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, the Aggies and Lady Aggies Bowling Teams  
10 accomplished a feat this season that no other local school has  
11 ever done on the lanes: They swept the State Titles and brought  
12 the Gold back to Alcorn County; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Michael Lee cheered and watched as both his  
14 squads went for the sweep, the girls over Richland and the boys  
15 over East Union. Before they could claim a State Crown, the  
16 Aggies and Lady Aggies had to bowl their way through the regular  
17 season and take care of business at district. Lee's bowlers both  
18 won their respective district matches at Southaven where the girls  
19 outdistanced Tupelo Christian Preparatory School 2,922-2,686 in



20 total pinfall. They also won the Baker Round 3-1 against the Lady  
21 Eagles. The Aggies followed suit, outrolling the field and  
22 topping the second-place Urchins 3,642-3,485. Kossuth also topped  
23 East Union 3-1 in the Baker Round; and

24 WHEREAS, upon reaching the State Tournament in Jackson,  
25 Kossuth faced off against seven other schools for the title. When  
26 the last pin had fallen and the final frame had been bowled, the  
27 Aggies found themselves atop the eight-team field with a total  
28 pinfall of 3,664. East Union was once more the runner-up to the  
29 Crown as it bowled a total of 3,502. There are four games bowled  
30 by each school in the Championship Series and the Aggies placed  
31 First in the first and last games. They placed Second in the  
32 middle two games, both to the Urchins; and

33 WHEREAS, the Lady Aggies' journey to their second State  
34 Championship in three years ended joyously as they outrolled  
35 Richland. Kossuth's total pinfall in the Finals Series was 2,994.  
36 The Kossuth girls also topped the Lady Rangers 3-2 in the Baker  
37 Round. Both squads won preliminary matches against Mantachie  
38 prior to the State Championships; and

39 WHEREAS, "This makes three straight years for both teams in  
40 the finals and the girls won it two years ago," said Head Coach  
41 Michael Lee, who has quietly maintained a powerful program at  
42 Kossuth High School after Creighton Nelms got it rolling four  
43 years ago. Nelms is still at Kossuth, but is now coaching the



44 Blue Mountain College Bowling Team, quite a testament to his  
45 knowledge and ability in the sport; and

46 WHEREAS, members of the 2017 Lady Aggies Championship Bowling  
47 Team were sophomores, Marlee Mask and Alison Patton; juniors:  
48 Kerissa Beth Martin, Avery Mullins and Ashley Winters; along with  
49 seniors, Macy Mask and Kaitlin Stagner; and

50 WHEREAS, Freshman, Hank Gardner; Sophomores, Peyton Lee and  
51 Rope Inman; and Seniors: Nik Wilcher, Kaden Cooper and Cody  
52 Weaver, formed the Boys Title Team; and

53 WHEREAS, Peyton Lee, son of the Head Coach, paced the boys  
54 squad with a 202 average for the season, which led the team.  
55 Kaden Cooper was second with his 178 average, and Macy Mask was  
56 the senior who led the girls squad to its second championship in  
57 three years. Kerissa Beth Martin's 148 average led the girls  
58 team; and

59 WHEREAS, Kossuth bowling is about family; and it is with  
60 great pride that we recognize two Championship Teams who have  
61 brought a special honor to their school, their community, and to  
62 the State of Mississippi:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
65 we do hereby commend and congratulate both the Kossuth High School  
66 Boys and Girls Bowling Teams and Coach Michael Lee for sweeping  
67 the Class 1 State Championships for 2017, and extend our best



68 wishes to the teams, coaches, parents and sponsors for future  
69 success.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
71 Coach Michael Lee for both teams, forwarded to Kossuth Principal  
72 Travis Smith and the members of the Alcorn County Board of  
73 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

