

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

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SALUTING THE JEFFERSON
2 DAVIS COUNTY "JAGUARS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH LANCE MANCUSO FOR
3 WINNING THEIR FIRST MHSAA CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AS A
4 CONSOLIDATED PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis County School District embarked
6 upon an exciting but challenging task, which has rendered one of
7 the best local academic decisions for students and community. The
8 realignment of two high schools, Bassfield High and Prentiss High,
9 effective August 1, 2017, into one new high school, Jefferson
10 Davis County High School, serving all 9th through 12th graders
11 within the district, has fostered a sounder measure of teacher
12 efficacy. The realignment efforts have afforded the Jefferson
13 Davis County School District a much stronger fiscal foundation,
14 which has greatly enhanced the academic opportunities for students
15 within the district. In spite of a year of uncertainty and
16 challenges, the students have risen to the challenge both
17 academically and athletically, winning the 2017 Mississippi 3A
18 State Football Championship; and



19 WHEREAS, it didn't matter that this was a new program, a
20 first-year school after the consolidation of Prentiss and
21 Bassfield where Coach Lance Mancuso had already won five state
22 titles. In year one at Jefferson Davis County, Mancuso football
23 was firmly in effect, and the Jaguars took their first 3A State
24 Championship on December 2, 2017, with a 37-6 win against Yazoo
25 County at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford. The Jaguar defense
26 was everywhere; Jefferson Davis County contained Yazoo County to
27 just 13 rushing yards and 25 passing and the overall offensive
28 matchup was 381 to 64; and

29 WHEREAS, the consolidation of Bassfield and Prentiss placed
30 challenges on the community. Coach Mancuso said after winning
31 South State this playoff run has meant as much as many in his
32 career. Mancuso is used to winning titles. This is his seventh
33 in his career. When it became clear they had it, he walked over
34 to his bench where many starters sat and shook each player's hand
35 one-by-one. For Jefferson Davis County, it has been a season of
36 learning to grow together; and

37 WHEREAS, the 2017 Jefferson Davis County High School
38 "Jaguars" Football Championship Team Roster is: Lyric Hall,
39 QB/DB; Demazie Mikell, LB/FB; Kenterio Smith, LB/RB; Frank McAfee,
40 LB/SE; Chris Thompson, DB/RB; Ronald Baker, DB/SE; James
41 Washington, FB/LB; Jevonta Milton, DB/RB; Malik Shorts, DB/QB;
42 Adarius Odom, DB/RB; Tooddrick Reese, DB/RB; Keshawn Holloway,
43 LB/TE; Joe Applewhite, DB/SE; Kyser Booth, DB/RB; Darryl Posey,



44 DB/SE; Nakia Blackmon, DB/RB; Quentin Herring, DB/RB; Deandre
45 Shorts, DB/SE; Hunter Hathorn, LB/RB; Zion Hathorn, LB/FB;
46 Jafharis McKines, RB/DB; Blessaad Bridges, DB/HB; Marcus
47 Middleton, LB/RB; Justin Berry, LB/FB; D'Jamien Ball, DB/RB;
48 Michael Armstrong, LB/SE; Ricky Griffith, RB/LB; Alan Hawthorne,
49 DB/RB; Equaridric Ross, LB/TE; Delijuan Dampier, DB/SE; Terry
50 Bryant, DL/FB; Rhodrick Williams, LB/TE; Michael Carraway, DB/SE;
51 Jacoby Barnes, DB/SE; Radonte Womack, DL; Jessie Smith, DL/OL;
52 Savion Funchess, DL/OL; Darryl Sims, LB/OL; Nick Hall, LB/OL; Zach
53 Williams, DL/OL; JVeus Johnson, DL/OL; Kameron Johnson, DL;
54 Cameron Broome, DL/OL; Raul Marin, DL/OL; Marcus Loftin, DL/OL;
55 Jimel Peterson, DL/OL; Caspian Daley, OL/DL; Ron Taylor, DL/OL;
56 Ben Holmes, OL/DL; Desmond Oatis, OL/DL; Anthony Watts, OL/DL;
57 Scott Harvey, DL/OL; Yanni Gray, DL/OL; Tyshun Newsome, OL/DL;
58 Justin Ducksworth, OL/DL; Rayveon Hall, LB/TE; Jasper McCraney,
59 DB/SE; Chase Hanegan, DB/SE; Jalen Newsome, DB/SE; Chris Hathorn,
60 DL; and LaDarren Ball, DL; and Head Coach Lance Mancuso; and

61 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
62 special group of student athletes who have brought honor to their
63 school, their communities and to the State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
65 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
66 we do hereby commend and salute the Jefferson Davis County
67 "Jaguars" Football Team and Coach Lance Mancuso for winning their
68 first Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class



69 3A State Championship as a consolidated program, and extend to the
70 team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
71 success.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 Coach Mancuso for the team, forwarded to Jefferson Davis County
74 Superintendent Will Russell, Principal William Wheat and the
75 Jefferson Davis County Board of Education, and made available to
76 the Capitol Press Corps.

