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(11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 2017 JACKSON PREP "PATRIOTS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH RICKY  
3 BLACK FOR WINNING AN HISTORIC SIXTH STRAIGHT MAIS STATE  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi high school football history was made on  
6 Friday, November 17, 2017, and Jackson Prep was behind it. "Six  
7 straight, baby!" There was no way to pinpoint exactly who was  
8 shouting it because it seemed to be coming from everyone's mouth  
9 at Robinson Hale Stadium following Jackson Prep's 38-3 win over  
10 Parklane, the sixth straight State Championship for the program;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, it is the longest streak in Mississippi high school  
13 football history, beating South Panola's five straight from  
14 2003-2007. "You don't ever envision winning a bunch of games,"  
15 Coach Ricky Black said. "You don't ever envision winning six  
16 championships in a row. It's just unreal to think you could win  
17 six in a row. I think it's a tribute to our guys to take the  
18 pressure of this season and do that"; and



19 WHEREAS, the winning tradition built by past Prep teams laid  
20 the groundwork for this 2017 squad. What it also did was inspire  
21 them to leave their own mark, and be their own Jackson Prep team.  
22 Jackson Prep's 2017 teams were set on being remembered and, for  
23 them, they will be as not just a team that dominated the MAIS but  
24 competed with the MHSAA as well. Prep won all 14 games it played  
25 in the 2017 season. "We opened up playing MHSAA teams,"  
26 Quarterback Chance Lovertich said. "Proving that we're not just  
27 the best in the MAIS, we can go out of our league and play with  
28 anyone in the state"; and

29 WHEREAS, the championship game was a slow start by Jackson  
30 Prep's standards. Running back Jerrion Ealy said it was  
31 championship excitement. The offense sparked when Lovertich  
32 started looking to his receivers. Parklane did a good job  
33 containing Ealy to start but once they had to worry about the  
34 passing game it was game over. All season long the attention has  
35 gone to the dynamic tandem that is Ealy and Lovertich. When  
36 you're beating teams by an average of 35 points per game it's easy  
37 to see why. Prep's defense has held teams to an average of 15  
38 points a game, has had two shutouts and had five games where  
39 they've held their opponent to under 10. In the championship,  
40 they came up big again, holding Parklane to a field goal; and

41 WHEREAS, the 2017 Jackson Prep "Patriots" Championship Team  
42 Roster is: Javon Magee; Jerrion Ealy, RB, CB; Spence Graves;  
43 Wilson Mink; Chance Lovertich, QB, SS; Nevin Wells, FS, LS;



44 Russell Roberts, WR, K; Russell Weathersby; Peyton Greenwood, WR,  
45 FS; Adam Norsworthy, RB, DT; Spivey Gault, MLB; Cooper Carroll,  
46 SS; Maddox Henry, CB, WR; Alex Gibbs; Parker Gleason; Ryan Myers;  
47 Kelly Crumpton, QB; Bennett Johnston, QB; Jake Lange, QB; Carter  
48 Stockett; Ford Lange, WR; Landon Wilbanks, WR, CB; Clark Beard;  
49 Hayden Hill, OLB; Bryson Weeks; Jay Waits, WR; Christopher  
50 Russell, TE, DE; Reed Peets, FB; Jack Gideon, NG, DT; Mitch  
51 Kincaid; Gatlin Hixon; Gannon Hayes; Trey Currie, SS, WR, OLB;  
52 Brooks Martin; Preston Oden; Even Young, DE, FB; Colt Blough, TE;  
53 Andrew Griffin, WR, T, CB; Alex Turner, CB, WR; Talbot Fletcher;  
54 Hayes Bufkin, MLB; Robert Griffis; Seth Bagwell, WR, CB; Tripp  
55 Cory; Charlie Ott, G; Duncan Jones; Thad Crawford, G; Brooks  
56 Gobbel, DT, T; Caleb Gay, C; J.P. Guillbeau, DT, G; Emory Maxwell;  
57 Barron Liston; William Cotton, DT; Knox Loposer; Logan Osborne,  
58 NG, T; Ben Burnett; Patrick Phillips; Nelson Ramsey, G; Jack  
59 Myers; Parkman Speights; Forrest Smith; Greg Vance; Dixon Hughes;  
60 Andrew Beard; Nick Sanford; Jake Maloney; Will Fletcher; William  
61 Bronzi, WR, CB; Ashton William Heath, OLB, WR; Matt Clair, TE;  
62 J.C. Polk, TE, DE; Roaman Zhou; and Jack Drennan; and Head Coach  
63 Ricky Black; and

64 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
65 of student athletes whose historic season has brought honor to  
66 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



69 we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2017 Jackson Prep  
70 "Patriots" Football Team and Head Coach Ricky Black for winning an  
71 historic sixth straight MAIS State Championship, and extend our  
72 best wishes to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for future  
73 championship success.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
75 Coach Ricky Black for the team, forwarded to Prep Interim  
76 Headmaster Denny Britt, the Prep Board of Trustees, and made  
77 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

