

By: Senator(s) Blackwell, Massey, Parker,  
Dearing, Jackson (32nd), Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 629

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 OLIVE BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL "CONQUISTADORS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND  
3 COACH ERIC ROMBAUGH FOR WINNING ITS FIRST-EVER CLASS 5A STATE  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, for the first time in DeSoto County High School  
6 Boys' Basketball history, a State Championship Gold Ball Trophy is  
7 coming back to the county. The Olive Branch "Conquistadors" Boys  
8 Basketball Team finished a 28-4 season in a convincing way with  
9 their 64-44 title-clinching win over Forest Hill on March 9, 2018,  
10 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Eric Rombaugh said, "This is the first one and  
12 that makes it even more special. DeSoto County has some good  
13 basketball teams with some really good coaches, so for us to be  
14 able to represent DeSoto County, it's a blessing. We have been  
15 battle-tested this year and we were built for this. We have got  
16 the guards, we got the posts, we got the size and the shooters";  
17 and



18 WHEREAS, D.J. Jeffries again led the way for the  
19 Conquistadors with 20 points. Joe Cooper added 11 points and  
20 Cameron Matthews scored 10 more; and

21 WHEREAS, Olive Branch took a five-point lead to the  
22 first-quarter break at 14-9 and extended it to a 28-20 lead at  
23 halftime. In the second quarter, the Conquistadors opened play  
24 with the first four points to extend the lead to 18-9 before  
25 Forest Hill could answer. The Patriots came back and got within  
26 20-16 before the Conquistadors returned the lead to 24-16. The  
27 eight-point lead quickly ballooned to a 50-29 margin after three  
28 quarters, keyed by D.J. Jeffries' slam dunk after he hit a  
29 three-pointer to jolt the Conquistadors into a run that ended the  
30 quarter with a 22-9 margin over the Patriots; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2018 "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball  
32 Championship Roster: D.J. Jeffries, G; Kelvin Allen, G; Joee  
33 Cooper, G; Josh Stevenson, G; Cameron Matthews, F; Wes Taylor, G;  
34 C.J. Owens, G; Kyron Pleas, G; Caterius Jones, G; Octavian Walls,  
35 G; Kenzaki Jones, G; Jealen Whitney, G; Shamar Brown, G; Cesar  
36 Gutierrez, G; and Head Coach Eric Rombaugh; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
38 special team of student athletes who have brought honor to their  
39 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
42 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Olive Branch High School



43 "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Eric Rombaugh for  
44 winning its first-ever Class 5A State Championship, and extend the  
45 best wishes of the Legislature to the team, coaches, parents and  
46 sponsors for future success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
48 Coach Rombaugh and Olive Branch Principal Jacob Stripling,  
49 forwarded to the DeSoto County Board of Education, and made  
50 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

