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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2018 OCEAN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL LADY GREYHOUNDS SOCCER TEAM AND
3 HEAD COACH NEIL SCOTT UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
4 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 6A GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Ocean Springs High School Lady Greyhounds Soccer
6 Team finished the 2018 season with their second state title in the
7 school's history when they reigned victorious at the Mississippi
8 High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 6A Girls Soccer
9 State Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, similar to the nimble, adept and powerful canines
11 for which they are named, the Lady Greyhounds outpaced and
12 overcame their opponents during the championship series, slaying
13 the championship dreams of each of their foes on their way to the
14 ultimate victory; and

15 WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and
16 unimaginable amounts of strength, the Lady Greyhounds Soccer Team
17 outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered the Madison
18 Central High School Jaguars in a 1-0 win after two scoreless
19 halves and a 30-minute overtime period that left fans on the edge



20 of their seats until the energized penalty kicks produced the lone
21 goal and victory for the Greyhounds; and

22 WHEREAS, as many veterans of the game have said, "defense
23 wins championships," this age-old saying defined the immaculate
24 strategy and skill of the Greyhounds defense, whose grit,
25 fortitude and determination erected a stone wall that helped
26 secure each of the playoff wins as well as the championship
27 victory, while the dedication and athletic prowess of the
28 offensive players helped them become game changers during the
29 championship match, ensuring the revered title returned to the
30 Oceans Springs trophy case for only the second time; and

31 WHEREAS, with only goose eggs to show for 120 minutes of
32 play, Ocean Springs entered the penalty kick phase with their
33 heads held high, and prior to the game winner, Mallory Bellon,
34 Makenzie Ezell, Ameris Taylor, Erin Clifford, Kaylee Foster, Loren
35 Winters and Kinsley Harmon made good on their penalty kicks; and

36 WHEREAS, when the Ocean Springs goalie A'leigh Coleman
37 stopped the last shot by Madison Central, the Greyhounds knew that
38 this was their chance at victory, so the team put all of their
39 hopes and dreams into the foot of their only kicker left, eighth
40 grader Jackie Dilorenzo; and

41 WHEREAS, the team and onlookers alike waited with bated
42 breath as Jackie's ball breezed past the Madison Central goalie to
43 make the ultimate contact with the net, and when the final signal
44 was made, the tears began to flow, the screams could be heard from



45 miles away, the hugs were plentiful and the Ocean Springs High
46 School Lady Greyhounds raised their well-deserved trophy high in
47 the air and relished in their hard-fought victory; and

48 WHEREAS, the 2018 Greyhound team statistics were impressive,
49 and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty kicks and
50 goals by individual players, but the key to this team's consistent
51 success has been the constant team atmosphere and year-round hard
52 work; and

53 WHEREAS, the Greyhounds have been superbly coached and
54 inspired by Head Coach Neil Scott, who has broadened their
55 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution, and
56 also helped the players reach their fullest potential on and off
57 the field; and

58 WHEREAS, Coach Scott continues to build upon the legacy of
59 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and
60 undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in his ability
61 to produce high caliber players and plays and the team's
62 successful season; and

63 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
64 and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi student
65 athletes, especially those such as the Ocean Springs High School
66 Lady Greyhounds Soccer Team, whose excellence on the pitch and in
67 the classroom bring honor to their school, the Ocean Springs
68 community and the State of Mississippi:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
71 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2018 Ocean
72 Springs High School Lady Greyhounds Soccer Team and Head Coach
73 Neil Scott upon winning the Mississippi High School Activities
74 Association Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship and extend
75 best wishes to the team and coaches for continued success in all
76 of their future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Head Coach Neil Scott and to the members of the
79 Capitol Press Corps.

