

By: Representatives Baker, Powell, Rogers  
(61st), Shanks, Weathersby

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL LADY BULLDOGS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH  
3 KELSA WALKER FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS III STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Brandon High School Lady Bulldogs Volleyball  
6 Team reigned victorious against DeSoto Central High School to win  
7 the 2018 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class III  
8 State Volleyball Championship at the Gillom Athletics Performance  
9 Center on the campus of the University of Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, as a Scholar-Athlete Team with an average GPA of  
11 3.752, the Lady Bulldogs, who had a superior season that was  
12 driven by more than just the yearning to succeed, intensely  
13 amplified all of their hard work, motivation and audacity, which  
14 were so apparent all through the season, for the game that  
15 ultimately rewarded them with the championship trophy; and

16 WHEREAS, winning 12 straight sets to defeat Biloxi High  
17 School in the first round, Ocean Springs High School in the second  
18 round and Madison Central High School in the semi-finals, the Lady



19 Bulldogs defeated DeSoto Central, winning three sets straight with  
20 scores of 25-22, 25-21 and 25-12; and

21 WHEREAS, there were amazing spikes, serves and saves by  
22 individual players, but the key to the team's success has been the  
23 amazing team spirit and year-round hard work by the following  
24 talented student-athletes: Kate Bass, Callie Minshew, Kennedy  
25 Jordan, Lashundria Chatman, Gabbie Padilla, Kiley Nations, Deja  
26 Errington, Janai Mason, Phoebe Garrett, Olivia Stegall, Raegan  
27 Wilson, Kristen Wheeler, Alyssa Rayborn, Michaela Comans, Maddie  
28 Horton, Brianna Shivers, Jordan Sullivan, Lauren McLamore, Breanna  
29 Cooper, Jolee Gibson, Lillie Grace Garrett, Natalie Bartholomew,  
30 Sunni Sheppard, Rachel Stegall, Hannah Reed and Jayne Bass; and

31 WHEREAS, Head Coach Kelsa Walker has an immensely impressive  
32 coaching record of 137 wins and only 29 losses, with two Class III  
33 state championship titles, two region championship titles and six  
34 various tournament championships, and for her success she was  
35 named 2018 National Federation of State High School Association's  
36 Volleyball Coach of the Year, 2018 South All-Star Volleyball Coach  
37 and 2017 Clarion Ledger Volleyball Coach of the Year; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach Walker has superbly coached and inspired the  
39 Lady Bulldogs Volleyball Team and broadened their knowledge of the  
40 game while refining their skills in execution, and she, along with  
41 Assistant Coaches Malorie Aldridge, Taylor Huey and Austin Bahm,  
42 continue to build upon the legacy of superior play and true  
43 sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each



44 team member, as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber  
45 players and plays and by the team's successful season; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
47 and honor the achievements of outstanding student-athletes,  
48 especially those such as the Brandon High School Lady Bulldogs  
49 Volleyball Team, who have brought honor to their school, their  
50 community, and to the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Brandon  
54 High School Lady Bulldogs Volleyball Team and Head Coach Kelsa  
55 Walker for winning the Mississippi High School Activities  
56 Association Class III State Volleyball Championship, and extend  
57 best wishes for continued success in all of their future  
58 endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Head Coach Kelsa Walker and to the members of the  
61 Capitol Press Corps.

