

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Barnett, Browning,  
Clarke, Jackson (32nd), Jolly

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 533

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 WATER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE DEVILS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH  
3 BRAD EMBRY FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ENDING A  
4 28-YEAR TITLE DROUGHT.

5 WHEREAS, Water Valley "Blue Devils" Football Team Coach Brad  
6 Embry told his group of seniors in the eighth grade they could win  
7 a State Championship. His confidence in his players was proven  
8 November 30, 2018, with a 34-28 win over Seminary (12-4) in the  
9 Class 3A State Title Game at University of Southern Mississippi's  
10 M.M. Roberts Stadium; and

11 WHEREAS, with the victory, the group of juniors and seniors  
12 who went 2-9 two seasons ago as freshmen and sophomores brought  
13 Water Valley (14-2) its first State Title since 1990; and

14 WHEREAS, the fact that seemingly the entire Town of Water  
15 Valley was on hand to witness the end of the Blue Devils' title  
16 drought is evidence of just how much this State Championship meant  
17 to the small town of 3,362; and

18 WHEREAS, there were a handful of noteworthy performances that  
19 propelled the Blue Devils. Senior Wide Receiver Bud Tolbert stole



20 the show. Tolbert, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player,  
21 tallied more than 100 receiving yards and was on the receiving end  
22 of all four of Truss' touchdown passes. The highlight of his  
23 efforts came on a 35-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter.  
24 On a jump ball toward the right side of the end zone, Tolbert  
25 leaped over two defenders to bring in a pass before reaching the  
26 ball forward for a score that put Water Valley ahead 28-6. It was  
27 the ultimate culmination of 11 years of hard work that Coach Embry  
28 put in at Water Valley; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2018 Water Valley High School "Blue Devils"  
30 Football Team Championship Roster is: Blayne Clark, QB, MLB;  
31 Jacob Welch, CB, WR; Ceddrick White, CB, WR; Quaterrius Tolbert,  
32 WR, CB; Hayden Eubanks, QB, FS; Martavius Rockett, SB, CB;  
33 Treshaun Morgan, QB, CB; Dre McCray, RB, MLB; Ja'varius Benson,  
34 MLB, RB; Grant Burress, WR, OLB; Nate Murphy, DE, QB; Paris Adams,  
35 DT, DE; Marion Morgan, QB, OLB; Jacob Truss, WR, SS; Kenterrius  
36 Rucker, RB, OLB; Maleek Joy, WR, FS; Chance Dewberry, FB, DE;  
37 Keldric McIntosh, OLB, RB; Damicah Hervey, FS, RB; Devontrae  
38 Bailey, OLB, FB; Khahill Houston, WR, FS; Chris Harris, RB, CB;  
39 Darius Tolbert, WR, SS; Adam Green, WR, FS; Brandon Washington, C,  
40 MLB; Jon Surette, WR, CB, K; Ty Morgan, C, DE; Bradley Tedford,  
41 C, NG; Kyjuan Hervey, G, DT; Brantley Simmons, FB, MLB; Marquis  
42 Cook, G, NG; Marley Cook, T, DT; Aulton Phillips, G, MLB; Joseph  
43 Witt, DT, G; Jamalachi Jones, T, DT; Jamarkis McIntosh, G, MLB;  
44 Josh Griffis, G, DT; Matthew Childress, G, NG; Austin Potts, T,



45 DE; Marqualyn White, C, NG; Avery Humphreys, T, DE; Issac  
46 Phillips, G, DE; Jonathan Norwood, T, DT; Kentavious Hervey, T,  
47 DT; Dalton Higdon, C, DE; Chase King, DT, G; Jacorie Woodland, T,  
48 NG; Kameron Sayles, DE, TE; and Isaiah White, DE, TE; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
50 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
51 community and to the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
54 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Water Valley High School  
55 "Blue Devils" Football Team and Coach Brad Embry for winning the  
56 Class 3A State Championship and ending a 28-year title drought,  
57 and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best  
58 wishes for future success.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
60 Coach Embry for the team, forwarded to Water Valley Principal Drew  
61 Pitcock, the Water Valley School Board, and made available to the  
62 Capitol Press Corps

