

By: Representative Busby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BULLDOGS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH JACK
3 WRIGHT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL
4 JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
6 Bulldogs Football Team and Head Coach Jack Wright completed an
7 amazing 12-0 undefeated 2019 season and reigned supreme to win the
8 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Football
9 Championship, their fifth national football championship in school
10 history; and

11 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, whose superior season was driven by
12 more than just the yearning to succeed, intensely amplified all of
13 their hard work, motivation and audacity, which were so apparent
14 all through the season, for the final game that ultimately
15 separated the men from the boys to take down the previously
16 undefeated Lackawanna College Falcons and take home the national
17 football championship; and

18 WHEREAS, while the Bulldogs walked away with the trophy after
19 the final score of 24-13, the championship game was a test of true



20 Bulldogs' stamina, as it consisted of brutal physicality in the
21 trenches and scores that kept fans on the edges of their seats
22 until the last down was played at Carnie Smith Stadium in
23 Pittsburg, Kansas; and

24 WHEREAS, striving all season long to be the best football
25 program in the state, the Bulldogs put aside the excitement,
26 fanfare and attention to focus on the championship game and
27 prepare as they had throughout the season, and that strategy,
28 along with the monumental support from the entire Mississippi Gulf
29 Coast community, helped solidify championship status for the
30 Bulldogs; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout their season of play, the Bulldogs faced
32 some of the state's best contenders on the gridiron, but
33 persevered to defeat them all and make their presence and talent
34 known as gladiators of football; and

35 WHEREAS, the team's statistics were impressive, and there
36 were outstanding performances by individual players, but the key
37 to the Bulldogs' consistent success has been the year-round hard
38 work and tireless dedication; and

39 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, who played with nothing but heart and
40 soul all season, have a very talented and distinguished roster,
41 and each player made a substantial contribution that led to a
42 historic season in the Bulldogs' football program; and

43 WHEREAS, Coach Wright has superbly coached and inspired the
44 Bulldogs and broadened their knowledge of the game while refining



45 their skills in execution, and he continues to build upon the
46 legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the
47 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced
48 in his ability to produce high caliber players and plays and by
49 the team's successful season; and

50 WHEREAS, Coach Wright has brought additional honor to himself
51 by becoming the second coach in NJCAA history to win a national
52 championship at two different schools, winning his first
53 championship at Northwest Mississippi Community College in 2015;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
56 and honor the outstanding achievements of student athletes,
57 especially those such as the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community
58 College Bulldogs Football Team, who have brought honor to their
59 school, their community, and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
63 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs Football Team
64 and Head Coach Jack Wright for their outstanding season and for
65 winning the NJCAA National Football Championship, and extend best
66 wishes for continued success in all of their future endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Head Coach Jack Wright and to the members of the
69 Capitol Press Corps.

