

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Jackson (32nd), Simmons To: Rules
(13th)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL "CHARGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CHRIS
3 CUTCLIFFE FOR THEIR FIRST-EVER CLASS 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Oxford High School Chargers Football Team (14-1)
5 had the most impressive run to a state title 2019 season. They
6 defeated Starkville High School and South Panola High School
7 before making it to the Championship Game. Those two teams were
8 ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in the final Super 10
9 rankings of the regular season. Oxford held them to a combined 23
10 points; and

11 WHEREAS, in the 6A State Championship Game, the Chargers
12 overcame a 21-3 halftime deficit to defeat Oak Grove 31-21 for
13 their first-ever state title. J.J. Pegues took over in the second
14 half and finished with three catches for 107 yards and two
15 touchdowns and 34 rushing yards. He also got the game-clinching
16 sack on fourth down late in the fourth quarter; and

17 WHEREAS, State Championship celebrations are usually scenes
18 of pandemonium, and this one might have been at another level.



19 Players cried and hugged each other as a fan base hungry for a
20 state title stormed the field. Shirtless male students ran around
21 with white flags emblazoned with Oxford letters. The emotion from
22 all those losses poured into one night like Gatorade on a
23 triumphant head coach; and

24 WHEREAS, in this case, the Head Coach was Chris Cutcliffe.
25 Amid the celebration, he shared a hug with his father, David, the
26 Head Football Coach at Duke University. "Honestly, it was so
27 chaotic I didn't know what was going on," the Oxford Head Coach
28 said. "There were people coming from everywhere. I think it just
29 means so much to our community to win the first one for Oxford";
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Coach Cutcliffe made sure Babyde Pegues and
32 Quarterback John Meagher got plenty of touches in the second half.
33 The duo made the most of every one of them. On their first drive
34 of the second half, Pegues reeled in a 62-yard touchdown catch
35 over the middle. Just like that, the comeback was on. Oxford
36 scored 28 unanswered points to take the lead over Oak Grove.
37 Pegues finished with three catches for 107 yards and two
38 touchdowns and 34 rushing yards. Meagher threw for 110 yards and
39 two touchdowns. He also rushed for 152 yards and two touchdowns;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, the 2019 Oxford High School "Chargers" Championship
42 Football Team Roster: Babyde Pegues, Javian Gipson-Holmes, Trip
43 Maxwell, Byron Pearson, JJ Pegues, Tristan Shorter, Scott



44 Norphlet, Jeremiah Pomerlee, Ashur Hickinbottom, Dude Person,
45 Jalen Egerson, Michael Harvey, William Pollard, Roman Gregory, Jon
46 Michael Douglas, John Meagher, Aubrey Bishop, Jalen Webb, Matt
47 Sparks, Lucas McKeown, Jack Gililland, KJ Wadley, Crawford Adams,
48 EJ Wadley, Webb Murphey, Omar Howell, Kortlen Wilfawn, Cam
49 McJunkins, Jacob Rousseau, Kylin Dukes, Chris Herring, Jack
50 Tannehill, Hayden Moore, Xavier Walton, Christian Blake, Tracy
51 Harris, Kiyon Williams, Ja'darius Manning, Jamarious White, Cedric
52 Burrell, Clay Cromwell, Jamal Giles, AJ Toliver, Spencer Morgan,
53 DJ Gibson, Keegan Wilfawn, Walter Dennis, Gray McKellar,
54 Montavious Wilson, Ethan Buschlen, Connor Bradley, Bryson
55 Barksdale, David Kendrick, Demonte Mitchell, Denazah Polingo,
56 Efren Rivera, Eli Solinger, Bryce Mullen, Stratton Smith, Tyler
57 smith, Josiah Bird, Kylan Tumblin, Tucker Cook, Jamarri Sims,
58 Ryder Hayden, Alex Sanford, Joseph Davis, Hayes Buchanan, Charles
59 Douglas, Josh Neilson, Cade Gray, Hunter Beard, Brooks Williams,
60 Logan Thompson, Jamal Pegues, Dekyren Johnson, Aidan Goulding, Jay
61 Wortham, John Noel, Henry Moss, Trynten Brannon, Austin Smith,
62 Johnathan Elliot, Alec Vaughn, Baylor Savage, Rush Harmon, Archer
63 Murphey, CJ Clash, O'Mah Jones, Daedae Gross, Ke'xavier Chapman,
64 Malique Brewer, Josh Zuniga, and James Coleman; and Coach Chris
65 Cutcliffe; and

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



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
70 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
71 we do hereby commend and congratulate The Oxford High School
72 "Chargers" Football Team and Head Coach Chris Cutcliffe for their
73 first-ever Class 6A State Championship and extend to the team,
74 coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
76 Coach Cutcliffe and Oxford Principal Noah Hamilton, forwarded to
77 the Oxford School Board, and made available to the Capitol Press
78 Corps.

