

By: Senator(s) Blackwell, Parker, McLendon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CENTER HILL
2 HIGH SCHOOL "LADY MUSTANGS" VOLLEY BALL TEAM AND COACH ROBBIE
3 VEAZEY FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Center Hill High School "Lady Mustangs" road to
5 the 2019 State High School Volleyball Championship Tournament was
6 highlighted by a strong playoff run, culminated by a 3-1 Class 5A
7 state finals victory over Long Beach in the championship at
8 Mississippi State University on October 26, 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lady Mustangs swept past Saltillo and Cleveland
10 Central to reach the tournament, then stopped East Central, again
11 in straight sets to reach the finals. Within the last few years,
12 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) state
13 volleyball has become a Final Four format and for Center Hill,
14 this was the first time to reach the Final Four stage; and

15 WHEREAS, Center Hill again faced a Gulf Coast school in a
16 three-year period from 2007-2009. Center Hill got through the
17 North Half and did reach the state championship but was denied the



18 title each time by the volleyball juggernaut, Our Lady Academy
19 (OLA); and

20 WHEREAS, afterward, Coach Robbie Veazey said building
21 confidence has been the key in bringing back the program this
22 year. Center Hill's victory came without the aid of its top
23 player, as DeSoto County MVP, Zakhia Taylor, went down with an
24 ankle injury in the first few minutes of the match. The victory
25 brought Center Hill's record back to .500 at the end of the season
26 at 16-16. The championship match for Center Hill also marked the
27 first time for a DeSoto County team to win a State Title since
28 2015; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2019 Lady Mustangs roster is: Reagan Green,
30 Abigail Chisholm, Anna Jernigan, Chloe Steen, Makenzie Sandridge,
31 Olivia Hines, Brinley Steed, Zakhia Taylor, Callie Goodwin, Lauryn
32 Bulloch, Alyssa Henson, Tyreahanna Tillman, Sydney Biffle, Lydia
33 Walker and Coach Robbie Veazey; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
35 of student athletes who brought honor to their school, their
36 community and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Center
39 Hill High School "Lady Mustangs" Volleyball Team and Coach Robbie
40 Veazey, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our
41 best wishes for future success.



42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Coach Robbie Veazey and Center Hill Principal Doug Payne,
44 forwarded to the DeSoto County Board of Education and made
45 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

