

By: Senator(s) Boyd

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LAFAYETTE
2 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "COMMODORES" BOYS BOWLING TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 KELLE SUMRALL FOR WINNING CONSECUTIVE STATE MHSAA CLASS II
4 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5 WHEREAS, for the second time in two years, the Lafayette
6 County High School Boys Bowling Team are the kings of MHSAA Class
7 II; and

8 WHEREAS, defeating Long Beach 3-2 in a Baker playoff on
9 February 12, 2020, in Jackson, the Commodore boys came back to win
10 their second-straight State Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, "It was great. It was intense," Head Coach Kelle
12 Sumrall said. "These guys have been amazing. They weren't
13 shocked; they knew they could do it. The team was incredible";
14 and

15 WHEREAS, after finishing second to Long Beach in a field of
16 eight schools to advance to the Baker playoff, the Commodores
17 needed all five of the best-of-five matches to win. Twice,
18 winning the first and third sets, the Lafayette boys got on top.
19 Twice Long Beach tied it up, leading to the winner-take-all final



20 set. For a Commodore team that had its ups and downs in 2020,
21 despite all the success, being able to pull through in the end to
22 win meant everything; and

23 WHEREAS, of the six starting bowlers for Lafayette this
24 season, three are seniors: DC Bumgardner, Nick Cohen and Matthew
25 Atkinson. They will end their careers on the highest note. Other
26 team members are: Jakob Robertson, Xavier Wallace, Levi Freeman
27 and Tyler Coleman; and

28 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
29 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
30 community and to the State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and congratulate the Lafayette County
33 High School "Commodores" Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Kelle
34 Sumrall for winning consecutive State MHSAA Class II
35 Championships, and we extend our best wishes to the team, coaches,
36 parents and sponsors for future success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 Head Coach Kelle Sumrall for the team, forwarded to Lafayette
39 County High School Principal, Dr. Glenn Kitchens, and the
40 Lafayette County Board of Education, and made available to the
41 Capitol Press Corps.

