

By: Senator(s) Barrett, Barnett, Williams,
Jackson (32nd), Simmons (12th), Simmons
(13th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BROOKHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL "PANTHERS" BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM AND
3 COACH SHANNON KNOTT FOR THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE MISSISSIPPI HIGH
4 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, it was a total team effort from everyone wearing an
6 "Ole Brook" racing bib Saturday, October 31, 2020, at Choctaw
7 Trails. That's what it took for the Brookhaven High School Boys
8 Cross-Country Team to win the Mississippi High School Activities
9 Association 5A State Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, it was a second-straight title, but it did not come
11 easy for the Panthers as they edged out their rivals from Saltillo
12 High by a 29-36 score; and

13 WHEREAS, the top five finishers from each team are the ones
14 whose scores count toward the point total and the top 10 was
15 almost exclusively members of those two teams. Brookhaven High
16 Junior Grayson Childress (16:27) was the second overall finisher.
17 Junior Sam Arnold (16:49) finished fourth overall. The third
18 Panther across the finish line was Junior Trey Knott (17:05) in
19 sixth place. The Panthers took ninth and tenth place when Junior



20 Jake Thompson (17:19) and Sophomore X'Zavion Stewart (17:36)
21 finished ahead of another pair of Saltillo runners. Brookhaven
22 High School Junior Collin Kellum (17:56) came in 12th overall and
23 Freshman Wyatt Scott was the 39th finisher out of the 82-man
24 field; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Panthers beat Saltillo to win their
26 first team title. The next year the Tigers came back to beat
27 Brookhaven High School by a razor-thin margin. Last year the
28 Panthers blew out the Tigers from Lee County and the rest of the
29 field as they cruised to another title. This season Brookhaven
30 High School went to Saltillo High and defeated their rivals on
31 September 19 in the Saltillo Invitational. Brookhaven High School
32 closed the season having not lost a race to a school from
33 Mississippi in 2020; and

34 WHEREAS, Brookhaven High School Coach Shannon Knott said, "It
35 was possibly our best team effort. Our guys will never quit and
36 that's what it took"; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a special
38 group of student athletes whose second championship has brought
39 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
40 Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Brookhaven High School
44 "Panthers" Boys Cross-County Team and Coach Shannon Knott for



45 their second consecutive Mississippi High School Activities
46 Association Class 5A State Championship, and extend to the team,
47 coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
48 successes.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 Coach Shannon Knott and Brookhaven High School Principal Stacy
51 Walker, forwarded to the Brookhaven School Board, and made
52 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

