

By: Senator(s) Polk, Seymour, Fillingane,  
Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LUMBERTON HIGH  
2 SCHOOL "PANTHERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH ZACH JONES FOR  
3 WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 1A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Lamar County is the home of two 2020 State Football  
5 Champions; and

6 WHEREAS, Lumberton High School "Panthers" only needed 30  
7 seconds to win a state championship. Behind a 42-yard  
8 game-winning touchdown pass from Quarterback Rodney Parker to Wide  
9 Receiver K'nylan Willis with 24 seconds left, Lumberton defeated  
10 Biggersville to win the MHSAA 1A State Championship Game 20-14.  
11 The win on December 4, 2020, in Mississippi Veterans Memorial  
12 Stadium makes up for Lumberton's loss in the state championship  
13 last season. The Panthers finished the season 12-1; and

14 WHEREAS, the Panthers also received vital efforts from  
15 Running Back Robert Henry who rushed 27 times for 111 yards and  
16 one touchdown and Wide Receiver K'nylan Willis who caught five  
17 passes for 59 yards and one touchdown. Lumberton led for most of  
18 the game, but Biggersville took advantage of a late opportunity.



19 Lumberton punted with 2:15 remaining and Biggersville returned the  
20 punt to its own 45-yard line, giving the Lions one last chance to  
21 come back. Lumberton took over following that drive and needed  
22 five plays to retake the lead and seize the school's first state  
23 championship since 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, "I think it's the biggest life lesson you can have,"  
25 Lumberton Coach Zach Jones said. "You can get your head down but  
26 you can't lay down. When bad things happen, you've got to fight.  
27 We did today and fortunately we were able to get it"; and

28 WHEREAS, the 2020 Lumberton High School "Panthers"  
29 Championship Roster is: K'nylan Willis; Danarius Edwards; Josh  
30 Polion; Tyler Bush; Trevon Jessie; Robert Henry; Da'byron Conerly;  
31 Makari Holder; Shavante Toney; Rodney Parker; Hayden Campbell;  
32 Qumari Rogers; Khaled Bush; Kelby Bush; Abasi Bolden; Jakeith  
33 Sandifer; Kierstyn Joseph; Jeff Townsend; Kalyjah Willis; JT  
34 Robinson; Jonathan Edwards; Preston Taylor; Amir Hill; Antonio  
35 Tillman; Ledavian Fairley; Blake Walters; DJ Young; Amarion  
36 Chaney; Kamani Bolden; Wesley Ladner; Steven Lonadier; Tysean  
37 Toney; Keyshawn Drummond; CJ Nemmers; Bubba Walters; Mannix  
38 McGill; Karoderick Edwards; Broxton Knight; Jayce Lumpkin; Kyle  
39 Deno; Trevonta Evans; Marquees Johnson; and Kamari McLemore; and  
40 Head Coach Zach Jones; and

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



44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45   MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
46   Lumberton High School "Panthers" Football Team and Head Coach Zach  
47   Jones for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Football Championship, and  
48   extend the best wishes of the Senate to the team, coaches, parents  
49   and sponsors for future success.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51   Coach Zach Jones for the team and Lumberton High School Principal  
52   Bryan Giles, forwarded to the Lamar County Board of Education and  
53   made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

