

By: Representative Deweese

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OLE  
2 MISS REBELS WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM AND COACH KORY HENKES FOR WINNING  
3 THE 2021 NCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, it was a fairytale ending for Ole Miss Women's Golf  
5 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, defeating Oklahoma  
6 State University 4-1 on May 26, 2021, to capture the 2021 NCAA  
7 Division I National Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, with the title, the University of Mississippi  
9 claimed its first team National Championship since the school's  
10 1962 football title, and these Rebels also became the first  
11 University of Mississippi women's team to claim an NCAA National  
12 Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, in the final match of the season, with a national  
14 championship on the line, Sophomore Chiara Tamburlini was eager to  
15 win her team a point for the first time and did just that out of  
16 the third position when the Switzerland native came out strong,  
17 birdieing three of her first seven holes, but more importantly,  
18 building a commanding six-hole lead through nine; though she



19 conceded her first hole of the day on number 10 when she took a  
20 par 4 on number 12 to put the pressure on Oklahoma State  
21 University; and not wasting any time, Tamburlini won 6 and 5 to  
22 put the first point on the board; and

23 WHEREAS, Kennedy Swann teed off in her customary leadoff  
24 spot, extending her career match play record to 10-2 after being  
25 tied through the first six holes in match play before the senior  
26 began to separate herself by sinking an eagle on number 7 to go 1  
27 up; and after the eagle, Swann continued with a birdie and a par  
28 to go 3-up heading into the back nine and Oklahoma State managed  
29 to cut the deficit to one, but the Austin, Texas, native  
30 responded, going stroke-for-stroke before sinking the final birdie  
31 on number 17 to snag the second point and inch Ole Miss that much  
32 closer to the title; and

33 WHEREAS, "It took a lot of players to buy in," said Head  
34 Coach Kory Henkes, "Our team is very disciplined, and I think  
35 that's what I pride us on the most. When we come out to practice,  
36 we have a purpose every single day, and we hold each other  
37 accountable which is the really cool part about it. We don't  
38 necessarily have to push them as much as they are going to push  
39 each other. I think that's the important part of team chemistry,  
40 having everyone buy into the same thing."; and

41 WHEREAS, during the postseason, the Ole Miss Women's Golf  
42 Team received many awards following its first national title in  
43 program history, including Head Coach Kory Henkes being named the



44 2020-2021 Division I Jackie Steinmann Women's Golf Coaches  
45 Association "National Coach of the Year," presented by Golf Pride,  
46 becoming the first Rebel Head Coach to earn the award from the  
47 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA); and

48 WHEREAS, Ole Miss finished in fourth place or better in nine  
49 of the team's 10 tournaments during the 2020-2021 season,  
50 including first place finishes at the East Lake Cup and Gators  
51 Invitational; the top five Ole Miss single-round averages  
52 throughout a season have all come during Coach Henkes' tenure,  
53 including the 2020-2021 mark of 289.4, which ranks second in  
54 program history; the nine top 5 team finishes during the 2020-2021  
55 season are also a new school record; and Julia Johnson and Kennedy  
56 Swann earned WGCA All-American honors, with Johnson becoming the  
57 program's first-ever First Team All-American; and

58 WHEREAS, under Coach Henkes' guidance, Julia Johnson finished  
59 the season ranked eighth individually in the NCAA by both Golfstat  
60 and Golfweek and led the team in stroke average (71.34), tallying  
61 five Top 5, eight Top 10 and nine Top 20 finishes during this  
62 season, including a fifth place individual finish at the NCAA  
63 Championship; and

64 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss Women's Golf Team earned its first-ever  
65 WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award ranking 10th in the nation among  
66 more than 300 NCAA Division I schools with a cumulative team grade  
67 point average of 3.88 for the 2020-2021 academic year, and four



68 Rebels were honored with the WGCA All-American Scholars: Ellen  
69 Hume, Andrea Lignell, Kennedy Swann and Chiara Tamburlini; and

70 WHEREAS, the members of the 2021 National Championship Ole  
71 Miss Women's Golf Team were: Kennedy Swann, Chiara Tamburlini,  
72 Julia Johnson, McKinley Cunningham, Natacha Host Husted, Ellen  
73 Hume, Ellen Hutchinson-Kay, Andrea Lignell, Smilla Sonderby and  
74 Macy Somoskey; and Head Coach Kory Henkes and Associate Head Coach  
75 Zack Byrd; and

76 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and sponsors in  
77 recognizing this special group of university athletes who reached  
78 the pinnacle of collegiate women's golf and have brought honor to  
79 their university, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
82 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Ole Miss  
83 Rebels Women's Golf Team and Head Coach Kory Henkes for winning  
84 the 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship, and extend to the  
85 athletes and coaches our best wishes for continued success.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
87 furnished to Head Coach Kory Henkes and Ole Miss Chancellor Glenn  
88 Boyce for the team, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State  
89 Institutions of Higher Learning, and furnished to the members of  
90 the Capitol Press Corps.

