

By: Representative Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE RANGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND
3 COACH BENJY PARKER FOR WINNING CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
4 TITLES IN THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
5 CONFERENCE.

6 WHEREAS, a high-flying first quarter resulted in 21 quick
7 points from No. 4 ranked Northwest, as the Rangers soared past the
8 Eagles, 56-21, in the Mississippi Association of Community
9 Colleges Conference Championship bout at Bobby Franklin Field; and

10 WHEREAS, earning its second consecutive MACCC title with the
11 victory, and repeating as conference champions for the first time
12 since 1991-92, this decided accomplishment marks Northwest's 11th
13 conference title for the Rangers and the third since 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, after the Rangers' defense stifled the Eagles' first
15 possession, Northwest needed only one play to reach the end zone,
16 as quarterback Michael Hiers connected with D.T. Sheffield on a
17 72-yard touchdown reception, and forcing the Eagles to punt once
18 again on the ensuing possession, the Rangers drove 81 yards on



19 three plays to tack on a 14-0 advantage, thanks to an 11-yard
20 touchdown run from Jamarien Bracey; and

21 WHEREAS, even in their most diligent efforts Hinds failed to
22 mount a defense formidable enough to impede Northwest's offensive
23 line, as the Rangers capitalized on a short possession downfield,
24 finishing a four-play, 66-yard drive with a 46-yard connection
25 from Hiers to Sheffield, followed by Eli Hamlin's third successful
26 point-after attempt, further widening the gap to 21-0; and

27 WHEREAS, remaining consistent with every previous offensive
28 possession, the Rangers marched downfield to the Hinds' 15-yard
29 line, facing fourth and short and appearing to be content with a
30 field goal attempt, only for Tanner Gillis to complete a first
31 down pass to Kevin Diaz on the fake, which set up a short
32 touchdown from Bracey to give the Rangers a 35-14 advantage; and

33 WHEREAS, the second half commenced with the Rangers in
34 possession of the pigskin, but the Eagles' defense materialized to
35 earn a stop on Jaylen Knight's interception of Hiers in the end
36 zone after the Rangers had advanced to the Eagles' 15-yard line,
37 cutting the deficit to 35-21; and

38 WHEREAS, sensing a momentum change in Hinds' efforts to stage
39 a comeback, the Rangers' Jarvis Townsend clipped the Eagles' wings
40 by intercepting McCray's pass attempt for a 36-yard pick-six and
41 the first score of the second half, doubling the lead to 42-21;
42 and



43 WHEREAS, Northwest concluded a six-play, 54-yard drive with
44 Bracey's third touchdown of the day with 12:09 left in the
45 contest, and the Rangers' following possession resulted in
46 all-time leader in rushing touchdowns, Jaquerrious Williams,
47 punching one in from 15 yards out for his last score on the home
48 field, and to commence the championship celebration; and

49 WHEREAS, Northwest delivered a season-high 651 yards of total
50 offense, the most recorded in any game during the Benjy
51 Parker-Stan Hill era and the most since the 2015 NJCAA
52 Championship game, where the Rangers totaled 680 yards; and

53 WHEREAS, Hiers finished 14 of 22 and collected his sixth
54 career 300-yard passing game, finishing with 343, 22 yards shy of
55 his career-best 365-yard effort at Coahoma earlier this season,
56 concluding his season ranked as fifth in all-time passing yards
57 with 4,122, surpassing Bobby Robison's total of 4,096 set from
58 2001-02; and

59 WHEREAS, despite only reaching the end zone once, Williams
60 quietly put together his best performance of the season, finishing
61 with 203 yards on 23 carries, following his previous career
62 200-plus yard performance in 2019 in a 250-yard effort on 15
63 carries in a blowout win against Coahoma, a career total that
64 ranks him as second in career rushing yards, with 2,345 yards; and

65 WHEREAS, Fred Harris, Jr., led all Northwest defenders with
66 nine total tackles, while Pearson earned eight tackles, an
67 interception, a pass breakup and a forced fumble, Sam



68 Brumfield was limited to just four tackles, but two were sacks
69 totaling a loss of 12 yards for Hinds; and

70 WHEREAS, the members of the 2021 Rangers' MACCC State
71 Championship Football Team are: Jackson Allen, Tevin Bell, Harper
72 Blake, Jamarien Bracey, Deshaun Brooks, Sam Brumfield, Rayyan
73 Buell, Ethan Bumgarner, Cason Burress, Michael Campbell, Davion
74 Carter, Martez Clark, Braden Crawford, Roderick Daniels, Jamarr
75 Davis, Kevin Diaz, David Duvall, Khamron Ford, Keyon Fordham,
76 Kejuan Garner, Tanner Gillis, Kam Grays, Stephen Hall, Eli Hamlin,
77 Fred Harris Jr., Jykeveous Hibbler, Michael Heirs, Jaycob Horn,
78 TreShun Johnson, Jacoby Jones, Tyson Keys, Kaleb Long, Corteze
79 Love, Quanterius Lusk, E. Jai Mason, Leo McIntyre, Jakobe
80 McLaurin, Jay Mickle, James Mitchell III, Jackson Mize, Noshua
81 Montague, Jalen Nettles, Bryon Pearson, Rontavious Person, Omar
82 Pew, Jaylen Powell, Tavion Prather, Thurman Rayborn, Kylan
83 Robinson, Jamie Shaw, D.T. Sheffield, Drea Shumaker, James Spratt,
84 William Stewart, De'Meric Strong, Charles Thomas, Jarvis Townsend,
85 Vance Van Every, Quinzavious Warren, Fred Watson Jr., Trace White,
86 Jaquerrious Williams, Kiyon Williams, Matt Williams and Austin
87 Wilson; and

88 WHEREAS, the members of the 2021 MACCC State Championship
89 Football Coaching Staff, who have refined the Rangers' skills in
90 execution and continue to build upon a legacy of superior
91 athleticism and sportsmanship, are: Head Coach Benjy Parker,
92 Offensive Coordinator Stan Hill, Wide Receivers Coach Scott



93 Oakley, Offensive Line Coach Jim Jones, Defensive Coordinator
94 Paige Anders, Defensive Line Coach Rashad Pittman, and Defensive
95 Backs Coach Charles Jones; and

96 WHEREAS, just a few months removed from guiding Northwest to
97 its second consecutive MACCC championship, Head Coach Benjy
98 Parker, who led the Rangers to a 9-3 overall record after
99 recovering from a 3-2 start to the season to successfully defend
100 their MACCC championship, has been named as the Region 23 Coach of
101 the Year for the second consecutive season, culminating in an
102 impressive program record for Northwest which now has claimed 11
103 conference titles, three since 2015, and becoming one of four
104 teams to participate in the inaugural NJCAA Division I Football
105 Playoffs this season; and

106 WHEREAS, since assuming the head coaching reins ahead of the
107 2016 season, Parker has led Northwest to both a winning record and
108 a playoff appearance every year, including the 2020 National
109 Community College Football Championship, and an overall record of
110 48-14, with a 30-6 mark against division opponents; and

111 WHEREAS, the holders of the 2017, 2019 and 2020 MACCC North
112 Division titles under Parker, Northwest has become a mainstay in
113 the NJCAA national rankings, and Parker's current overall winning
114 percentage of .774 ranks first all-time; and

115 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to acknowledge
116 and commend the success of student athletes for the significant
117 strides made to bestow honor and pride upon their educational



118 institutions, their families and the entire citizenry of the
119 Magnolia State:

120 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
121 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
122 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northwest
123 Mississippi Community College Football Team and Coach Benjy Parker
124 for winning the 2021 Mississippi Association of Community Colleges
125 Conference State Championship, and extend to the athletes and
126 coaches best wishes for continued success in all their future
127 academic, athletic and career endeavors.

128 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
129 furnished to Coach Benjy Parker, Northwest Mississippi Community
130 College President Michael J. Heindl, the Board of Trustees of
131 Northwest Mississippi Community College, the Mississippi Community
132 College Board, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

