By: Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, To: Rules Owen

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PEARL RIVER 2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE "WILDCATS" CHEER SQUAD AND COACH SARAH SMITH FOR 3 WINNING THE UNIVERSAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION'S ALL-GIRL NATIONAL CHAMPTONSHIP. WHEREAS, the Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Cheer 5 Squad's hard work and dedication over the past months has come to 6 7 fruition as the squad reigned supreme and won the Universal 8 Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National Championship on 9 January 15, 2022, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, 10 marking it as the first championship in Pearl River's history; and WHEREAS, the squad executed, not once but twice, in one of 11 12 the most high-pressure situations that one can imagine, and as they were relentless in their daily pursuit of perfection, the 13 14 squad was set apart on the national championship floor; and WHEREAS, the Wildcats performed phenomenally in their two 15 appearances, in their first run, the squad qualified for the 16 17 finals by scoring 88.7, and in the finals, they competed against the College of New Jersey, Rowan University, Avila University and 18

Webber International University, and the squad again put in an

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- 20 incredible performance, scoring an 88.65, which defeated its
- 21 closest opponent by five points and awarded the squad the
- 22 national championship; and
- 23 WHEREAS, during the awards ceremony, all finalists sit on the
- 24 floor and placements are announced from the bottom to the top, and
- 25 as results are announced, and the squad name still has not been
- 26 called, the excitement is indescribable, and to hear one's squad's
- 27 name called last is the goal, and when it happens, the squad goes
- 28 wild, and the Wildcats earned every bit of the accomplishment they
- 29 felt in that moment; and
- 30 WHEREAS, the key to the squad's victory was a strong veteran
- 31 leadership, focused athletes and high standards for all of their
- 32 skills, and the 2021 Pearl River Community College National
- 33 Championship Cheer roster is comprised of the following
- 34 extraordinary student-athletes: Arielle Alexander, Tookie Bolton,
- 35 Lexi Broom, Kaylee Clavo, Macey Head, Kayla Jordan, Tavia Keys,
- 36 Autumn Mallette, Austin Mayfield, Schyler Morgan, Zoe Nastasi,
- 37 Hannah Beth Nelson, Madison Nielson, Karli Pilkington, Sidney
- 38 Reesor, Karlee Rodriguez, Keelyn Rogers, Malaysia Thomas, Haegan
- 39 Tynes and Kacey Wallace; and Head Coach Sarah Smith; and
- 40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
- 41 of outstanding athletes who have brought honor to Pearl River
- 42 Community College and to the State of Mississippi:
- 43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby

- 45 commend and congratulate the Pearl River Community College
- 46 "Wildcats" Cheer Squad and Head Coach Sarah Smith for winning the
- 47 Universal Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National
- 48 Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success in all
- 49 of their future endeavors.
- 50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 51 furnished to Head Coach Sarah Smith, Pearl River Community College
- 52 President, Dr. Adam Breerwood, and the Pearl River Community
- 53 College Board of Trustees, and to the members of the Capitol Press
- 54 Corps.