

By: Representative Hobgood-Wilkes

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PICAYUNE HIGH
2 SCHOOL "MAROON TIDE" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CODY STOGNER FOR
3 WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 5A
4 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team
6 reigned supreme at the Mississippi High School Activities
7 Association (MHSAA) Class 5A State Football Championship on
8 December 4, 2021, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, when they upset
9 West Point High School 40-21; and

10 WHEREAS, the Maroon Tide, who had a superior season and a
11 14-1 record entering the championship game, were driven by more
12 than just the yearning to succeed, and they intensely amplified
13 all of their hard work and motivation, which were so apparent
14 throughout the entire season, for the championship game; and

15 WHEREAS, despite trailing by one point with 8:47 left in the
16 third quarter, Picayune took control of the game in the second
17 half when Darrell Smith, the freshman running back, broke free for
18 a 59-yard touchdown run and finished the game with 10 carries for
19 88 yards; and



20 WHEREAS, Dante Dowdell and Darrel Smith were joined by Chris
21 Davis as Picayune's three-headed rushing attack, and Davis
22 finished with eight carries for 139 yards and two touchdowns while
23 junior running back Dante Dowdell led the way with 25 carries, 149
24 yards and two touchdowns and capped off a 12-play, 80-yard drive
25 with a 2-yard touchdown run with 11:10 remaining; and

26 WHEREAS, Dante Dowdell's score gave Picayune a 34-21 lead,
27 and sophomore defensive end Jamonta Waller sealed the victory with
28 a 35-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown on the following drive,
29 not only cementing their championship dreams but also avenging
30 their 2019 state championship game defeat at the hands of West
31 Point; and

32 WHEREAS, the second-half defensive performance was truly
33 unparalleled, as the Maroon Tide held the Green Wave to just seven
34 points after only allowing 16 points per game during their 11-game
35 winning streak; and

36 WHEREAS, the 2021 Picayune MHSAA Class 5A Football
37 Championship Team is comprised of the following talented athletes:
38 Dante Dowdell, Justin Martz, Darrell Smith, Dorian Robinson, Chris
39 Davis, Dawson Underwood, Jessiah Contee, Dylan Martz, Kyler King,
40 Jamonta Waller, Brady Robertson, Noah Carter, Tamauz Oatis,
41 Terance Wilson, Niquis Ratcliff, Terijh Newton, Nathan Hickman,
42 Josh Tatum, Christian Nixon, Chris Nixon, Karson Lauga, Tyran
43 Warren, Tyrel McGill, Robert Williams, Amarion Tyson, Cristian
44 James, Jabari McWilliams, Nick Woodson, Cameron Wade, Morgan



45 Craft, Darnell Smith, Tanner Busby, Dekeyvion Jones, Zavion
46 Coleman, Jeremiah Contee, Kendall Jones, Quinton Haynes, Gage
47 Thibodeaux, Roman Galvez, Peyton Wells, Isaiah Evans, Karsen
48 Robbins, Donell Lewis, Ryan Pascal, Kanaan Williams, Ian Herring,
49 Scotty Adam, George Croncich, Hooty Adam, and Carey Meitzler; Head
50 Coach Cody Stogner; and Assistant Coaches Adam Feely, Seth Hayden
51 and Mark Summers; and

52 WHEREAS, Head Coach Cody Stogner has superbly coached and
53 inspired the Maroon Tide and broadened their knowledge of the game
54 while refining their skills in execution, and he continues to
55 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
56 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,
57 as evidenced in his ability to produce high caliber players and
58 plays and by the team's successful season; and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
60 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
61 the Picayune High School Maroon Tide Football Team, who have
62 brought honor to their school, the Picayune community and to the
63 State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
66 commend and congratulate the Picayune High School "Maroon Tide"
67 Football Team and Head Coach Cody Stogner for winning the
68 Mississippi High School Activities Association 5A State Football



69 Championship and extend best wishes for continued success in all
70 of their future endeavors.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 furnished to Coach Cody Stogner, Picayune Principal Kristi
73 Mitchell, the Picayune School Board and to the members of the
74 Capitol Press Corps.

