

By: Representative Wright

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NEW HOPE
2 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS AND THEIR
3 OUTSTANDING COACH SUSANNA "SUSIE" OGLESBY FOR FANTASTICALLY
4 LEADING THE TEAMS TO THE VEX ROBOTICS STATE COMPETITIONS SINCE
5 2015.

6 WHEREAS, three teams from New Hope schools in Columbus,
7 Mississippi, and their outstanding Coach Susanna Oglesby have won
8 the Mississippi VEX Robotics Tournament and earned their way to
9 the WORLDS VEX Robotics Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, passionate and dedicated teacher Susie Oglesby has
11 superbly coached these teams toward championship wins for the past
12 eight years, from 2014 to 2022; and

13 WHEREAS, earning one's way to the WORLDS competition is no
14 easy task as the State Championship only takes 36 teams, and the
15 VEX regional director will only take three Mississippi teams; and

16 WHEREAS, to qualify, the team must either win the Tournament
17 and/or the Excellence Award or Highest Skills; and

18 WHEREAS, this year, two New Hope High School teams consisting
19 of Aiden Martin, John Beatty, Trevor Davis, Joshua Wilcox and



20 Thomas Oglesby were named state tournament champions, with Joshua
21 Wilcox and Thomas Oglesby being named Robot Skills Challenge
22 Champions, and Chloe Evans and Hayden Wofford placing second in
23 the Robot Skills Challenge which leads them all to world
24 competition; and

25 WHEREAS, at the middle school level, the New Hope team of
26 Cooper Shepherd and Andrew Bozeman won the state VEX Robot Skills
27 Challenge and are headed to the world contest; and

28 WHEREAS, the schools' winning streak began in 2015, when New
29 Hope High School received an invitation as Tracy Doyle's Team, and
30 in 2016, Tracy Doyle's Team won the VEX State Championship; and

31 WHEREAS, in 2017, New Hope Elementary won the VEX State
32 Championship with students Thomas Oglesby, Joshua Wilcox and Brady
33 Hogan; and

34 WHEREAS, in 2019, New Hope's Middle School joined in on the
35 school's winning legacy by winning the VEX State Championship with
36 students: Thomas Oglesby and Joshua Wilcox; and

37 WHEREAS, New Hope was on a roll in 2020 with numerous wins,
38 including the VEX state championship with two teams, students:
39 Brady Hogan, Ash Taylor, Nick Graham and Lucas Slogan; and

40 WHEREAS, that same year New Hope won the SKILLS division with
41 students Thomas Oglesby and Joshua Wilcox, resulting in New Hope
42 having three out of the four teams in the Final Four; and



43 WHEREAS, 2021 was no different for the school, as ninth
44 graders Thomas Oglesby and Joshua Wilcox brought the VEX State
45 Championship home to the school again; and

46 WHEREAS, these triumphs would not have been attainable except
47 for the coaching and leadership skills of teacher Susanna Oglesby
48 who started the Elementary Robotics Program with Jennifer Caldwell
49 and Carol Brown in 2014-2015 and with Thomas Oglesby and Will
50 Doyle when they were in third grade; and

51 WHEREAS, Mrs. Oglesby went on to take over the Middle School
52 Robotics Program from Mr. McDill as Coach for the VEX VRC Middle
53 School with Jennifer Shepherd and she is now the Head Coach for
54 VEX VRC for Middle School and High School Robotics; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
56 celebrate and honor the impressive accomplishments of
57 Mississippi's youth and the teachers who inspire, work hard and
58 bring positive recognition to our state worldwide:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 commend and congratulate New Hope Elementary, Middle and High
62 School Robotics teams and their outstanding Coach Susanna "Susie"
63 Oglesby for successfully winning the Robotics State Competitions
64 since 2015.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Coach Susie Oglesby, the principals of New Hope



67 Elementary, Middle and High School and to the members of the
68 Capitol Press Corps.

