

By: Representative Harness

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ALCORN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND COACH JIMMY JOSEPH FOR
3 WINNING THE 2021 SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University Lady Braves claimed the
5 2021 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's Cross Country
6 Championship, denoting the first in the program's history as the
7 fearless athletes amassed 68 points with four runners ranked in
8 the top ten; and

9 WHEREAS, the road to the program's first title was a grind
10 filled with challenges, from waking up at 6 a.m. to facing
11 injuries and being discouraged, but the team's commitment to
12 excellence to propel them past the finish line, is testament to
13 their staying the course, trusting God and gratefulness for the
14 opportunity to represent the team, coaches and Alcorn; and

15 WHEREAS, silencing critics fueled the team's motivation to
16 defy the odds and complimented the team's dedication to completing
17 their journey to becoming champions, all of which have further



18 accelerated the team's competitive drive for more titles in the
19 future; and

20 WHEREAS, the Lady Braves have been superbly coached and
21 inspired by Alcorn State Head Coach Jimmy Joseph, who was named
22 the 2021 SWAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, and
23 Assistant Head Coach Miguel Mendez, who have broadened their
24 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to the honor received by the Lady
26 Braves' coaching personnel, several members of the Women's
27 Cross Country Team have received individual honors, including the
28 selection of Runelda Jackson and Daisy Enriquez to the First Team
29 All-SWAC, as well as, the naming of Samouya Nevers and Stellan
30 Kiptui to the Second Team All-SWAC; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
32 join the students, faculty and sponsors in recognizing this
33 special group of university student-athletes who reached one of
34 the pinnacles of collegiate women's cross country excellence and
35 have brought honor to their university, their community and to the
36 State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
39 commend and congratulate the Alcorn State University Women's Cross
40 Country Team, Head Coach Jimmy Joseph, and Assistant Head Coach
41 Miguel Mendez for winning the 2021 SWAC Championship, and extend
42 to the athletes and coaches our best wishes for continued success.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Head Coach Jimmy Joseph, Interim Athletic Director
45 Cyrus Russ, and President Felecia M. Nave on behalf of the team,
46 to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning,
47 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

