

By: Senator(s) Hill, Branning, Johnson,
Norwood, Simmons (13th), Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL "WILDCATS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH CHIP
3 BILDERBACK FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
4 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE
5 1982.

6 WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, the Columbia High School
7 "Wildcats" Football Team coached by Chip Bilderback won the MHSAA
8 Class 4A State Championship at the USM M.M. Roberts Stadium in
9 Hattiesburg by defeating Senatobia 22-21 in a thrilling match; and

10 WHEREAS, less than 30 seconds separated Jaheim Oatis from his
11 ultimate goal at Columbia. The Wildcats led Senatobia by a point
12 in the MHSAA 4A State Championship Game and the Warriors lined up
13 for a 20-yard potential game-winning field goal, which would
14 decide if Columbia would win its first State Championship since
15 1982. "We knew we had to step up big time and stop that kick,"
16 said Oatis, a four-star Alabama defensive line commit. The kick
17 curved, spinning past the left upright and missed with 21 seconds
18 remaining, and Columbia prevailed 22-21 at Southern Miss; and



19 WHEREAS, the 6-foot-4, 370-pound Jaheim Oatis was selected as
20 the 2021 MHSAA 4A Mr. Football Award Winner after recording 55
21 tackles, 22 for loss and five sacks in the regular season. Oatis
22 headlined a Wildcats defense that ended the season on a 12-game
23 winning streak and held opponents to nearly 10 points per game
24 during that stretch. The senior had two quarterback hurries, two
25 tackles and a pass breakup in the Championship victory. Columbia
26 held Senatobia scoreless in the second half after giving up 21
27 points in the first half; and

28 WHEREAS, the 2021 Wildcats Championship Roster is: Joshua
29 Brown, WR, CB; CJ Magee, CB, WR; Omar Johnson, RB, OLB; Miguel
30 Cook, RB; Cedric Watts, WR, CB; Jonathan Wiltz, OLB, MLB; Colin
31 Hancy, QB, RB, ATH; Kentrell Jackson, WR, DB; Isaiah Bolton, SS,
32 WR; Carter Smith, QB, P, ATH; Deshawn White, WR, OLB; Jeremiah
33 Foxworth, SS, WR; DJ Cloyd, WR, OLB; Will McLendon, FB, NG, MLB;
34 Peyton Anderson, OLB, TE; Amarion Fortenberry, CB, RB, WR; Kendale
35 Johnson, RB, FS, OLB; Jalon Smith, RB; Jalon Anderson, MLB, SS,
36 OLB; Caymen Watts, CB, RB; Justin Bryant; Luke Stogner, K; Myles
37 Clark, K; Kentavion Bullock; Jashawn Barnes, MLB; Donald
38 Vivierito; Donivan Reed, DE; Amarion Hopkins; Tecorrio Shoemo, G,
39 NG; Sam Carney, C, G, LS; Eli Lowery, C, DE; Ethan Morris, T, DE;
40 Isiah Foxworth, DE, NG; Javon Barnes, DE; Koruan Ruffin; Nic
41 Riley, DE, G; Landon Fillingame, G; Roydale Barnes, T; Jason
42 Townsend, T, NG; Landon Wilks, TE; Jehiem Oatis, TE, DE; Hyman



43 Pace, T; Javon Barnes, DE; and Jaceon James, CB, WR; and Head
44 Coach Chip Bilderback; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the students,
46 faculty, parents and sponsors of Wildcat football in honoring this
47 group of student athletes who have brought recognition to their
48 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Columbia High School
52 "Wildcats" Football Team and Coach Chip Bilderback for winning
53 their first MHSAA Class 4A State Championship since 1982, and
54 extend to the team, parents, coaches and sponsors our best wishes
55 for future success.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Coach Chip Bilderback for the team and Columbia Principal Robert
58 Craig Washington, forwarded to the Marion County Board of
59 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

