

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.

