

By: Senator(s) Seymour, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 555

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 STONE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "LADY CATS" SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH  
3 CARISSA HARRISON FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST 4A STATE SOCCER  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, we join the team, parents and fans of the Stone High  
6 School "Lady Cats" Soccer Team in celebrating the Girls 4A State  
7 Soccer Championship on February 5, 2022, held at Brandon. It was  
8 Head Coach Carissa Harrison and the Lady Cats' first State Title  
9 in school history; and

10 WHEREAS, for Stone High School teammates and coaches alike,  
11 winning the Girls 4A State Soccer Championship Title was a dream  
12 come true. Head Coach Carissa Harrison already had her heart set  
13 on making school history before she ever stepped into her  
14 leadership role at Stone High; and

15 WHEREAS, the road to the State Title was never easy. It was  
16 rocky. Coaches had to navigate COVID-19 illnesses and quarantines  
17 while playing the long game for the experience; and

18 WHEREAS, both boys and girls teams made a pact to battle the  
19 biggest and best soccer schools on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to



20 prepare each team for district rivals. The 5A and 6A team  
21 matchups started difficult, but Stone High School began to defeat  
22 even the larger teams; and

23 WHEREAS, before the girls began the State Championship Game,  
24 there was a clear difference in the preparation and maturity  
25 between Stone High and New Albany. Before halftime, Stone was up  
26 2-0 over New Albany. Senior Morgan Pickering picked up the first  
27 goal. Lady Cat Baelyn Smith kicked in a second goal. With 12  
28 minutes left, Caroline Batson scored off an assist from Mary Grace  
29 Batson. With less than six minutes, Mary Grace Batson kicked a  
30 corner and scored on an assist from herself. She arced her kick  
31 over a line of New Albany defenders, and the ball went in.  
32 Assistant Coach Keith Kennedy said the defensive line worked  
33 overtime. The backline consisted of Lexi Conrad, Torrance  
34 Rouchon, Arnesha Fairley and Aylesia Hartfield; and

35 WHEREAS, Morgan Pickering was named the game's Most Valuable  
36 Player for her offensive strategy on the field. Caroline Batson  
37 was honored as the Team Scholar Athlete. To add to the prestige,  
38 players Lainey Cunningham and Kendall Burn became the first  
39 athletes in Stone High School history to be State Champions in  
40 more than one sport, thanks to a previous tennis state title; and

41 WHEREAS, Coach Harrison said the team's secret to success is  
42 the team's family atmosphere. Harrison said she hopes their win  
43 inspires other female athletes to strive for their goals; and



44 WHEREAS, the 2022 Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls  
45 Soccer Team Championship Roster is: Leah Capiola, Aylesia  
46 Hartfield, Lainey Cunningham, Nevaehlee Necaize, Ava Vetter,  
47 Carissa Hester, Laila Ladner, Caroline Batson, Kendall Burn, Laila  
48 Bullen, Jill Denham, Alana Sharp, Carey Williams, Baelyn Smith,  
49 Arnesha Fairley, Alexis Conrad, Priya Collins, Mary Grace Batson,  
50 Emily Smith, Shelby Rader, Torrance Rouchon, Morgan Pickering,  
51 Jayla Powell and Jordan Cooper; Head Coach Carissa Harrison; and  
52 Assistant Coach Keith Kennedy; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
54 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
55 community and to the State of Mississippi:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
58 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Stone County High School  
59 "Lady Cats" Soccer Team and Head Coach Carissa Harrison for  
60 winning their first 4A State Soccer Championship in school  
61 history, and extend our best wishes to the team, coaches, parents  
62 and sponsors for continued success.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
64 Coach Carissa Harrison for the team and Stone High School  
65 Principal Adam Stone, forwarded to the Stone County Board of  
66 Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

