

By: Senator(s) Hill, Barnett, Thompson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE "WILDCATS" MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND
3 HEAD COACH CHRIS ONEY FOR WINNING ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE MACCC
4 TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, it took overtime to get it done, but the No. 22
6 Pearl River Men's Basketball Team clinched its third consecutive
7 Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC)
8 Title with a thrilling overtime 80-70 victory over No. 21
9 Northeast Mississippi. The victory over the Tigers snapped their
10 31-game home winning streak; and

11 WHEREAS, we knew going into the game that one streak had to
12 end," Head Coach Chris Oney said. "It was either our conference
13 winning streak or their home winning streak. "It's exciting to
14 get to host the tournament for the college and for the town," he
15 said; and

16 WHEREAS, the teams traded the lead off and on for most of the
17 second half. Pearl River took a slim 59-57 lead after Jaronn
18 Wilkens (Biloxi) was perfect from the free-throw line. Late in
19 the game, Northeast reclaimed the lead 64-62, but Pearl River got



20 a clutch offensive rebound and put it back up to tie the score,
21 64-64. Both teams had a chance at the end to win, but neither
22 were able to convert, sending the game to overtime. In overtime,
23 Pearl River jumped out to an early overtime lead to 74-66. The
24 Wildcats rode the momentum to victory, defeating the Tigers by a
25 final score of 80-70; and

26 WHEREAS, Cameron Brown led the way for the Wildcats with 19
27 points, matching his season-high. He also finished with four
28 rebounds and three assists. Earl Smith finished second on the
29 team with 13 points, five rebounds and four assists. Jariyon
30 Wilkens and Carlous Williams rounded out the Wildcats in double
31 figures with 12 each. The 2022 Pearl River Community College
32 "Wildcats" Championship Team Roster: Jair Currie, Alex Jordan,
33 Jariyon Wilkens, Jaronn Wilkens, Earl Smith, Jr., J.D. Allen,
34 Cameron Brown, Brison Waller, Carlous Williams, Dylan Brumfield,
35 Ankerion Gross, Jeremiah Foster and Preston Turner; and Head Coach
36 Chris Oney; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
38 championship group of student athletes who have brought honor to
39 their college, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl River Community
43 College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Chris Oney
44 for winning its third consecutive MACCC Title and extend our best



45 wishes to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for future
46 success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Head Coach Chris Oney and Pearl River Community College President
49 Dr. Adam Breerwood, forwarded to the Pearl River Community College
50 Board of Trustees and be made available to the Capitol Press
51 Corps.

