

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Barnett, Butler  
(38th), Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE FLORENCE HIGH  
2 SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AND COACH BILL HOOD FOR WINNING THEIR  
3 FIRST MHSAA CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

4 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2022, the Florence High School Girls  
5 Soccer Team made history. Behind a strong second-half offensive  
6 attack, the Lady Eagles held off Lafayette 3-2 to claim the  
7 Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Class 5A  
8 State Championship at Brandon's Bulldog Stadium; and

9 WHEREAS, the title was Florence's first State Title in 5A and  
10 second-straight soccer State Championship after winning Class 4A a  
11 year ago. It was the school's sixth State Soccer Title overall;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, "I told the girls to settle down and play our game,"  
14 Florence Coach Bill Hood said. "Second half, we played like we  
15 should've (from the start) and we were able to hold them off at  
16 the end. It was a typically nervous State Championship Game  
17 between two really good teams, and we're fortunate we came out on  
18 top"; and



19 WHEREAS, "Lafayette pushed us to the very end. They pressed  
20 us and we had to deal with it, and they were tough," Coach Hood  
21 said. "Shae has been a starter since the seventh grade and has  
22 progressed each year and it's been fantastic to watch her get  
23 better and grow." Florence extended their lead to 3-1 as Addie  
24 Grace Barnard scored off a corner kick with just over 27 minutes  
25 left in the second half; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2022 Florence Girls Soccer Championship Team  
27 Roster is: Skyla Yount, Addison Grantham, Meagan Spencer, Addie  
28 Grace Barnard, Madelyn Edwards, Kailee Lilley, Ashlyn Starnes,  
29 Christina Guzman, Kylee Cloer, Ella Grace Sanford, Emma Marchant,  
30 Cameron Cloer, Rylee Raymond, Sydney O'Hair, Leslie Carroll,  
31 Kendal Patterson, Caroline Sanford, Mary Elise Taylor, Rachel  
32 Parr, Kamryn Frazier, Shaelynn Quick and Breeanna Goza; Head Coach  
33 Bill Hood; and Assistant Coach Joshua Cavanaugh; and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
39 Florence High School Girls Soccer Team and Coach Bill Hood for  
40 winning their first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship Title, and  
41 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes  
42 for future success.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
44 Coach Bill Hood, forwarded to Florence High School Principal Dr.  
45 Roderick D. Sheppard and the Rankin County School Board, and be  
46 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

