

By: Senator(s) Butler (36th), Simmons
(13th), Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ALCORN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY "LADY BRAVES" WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND COACH
3 JIMMY JOSEPH FOR WINNING THE 2021 SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University "Lady Braves" claimed
5 the 2021 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's Cross
6 Country Championship, marking the first in the program's history
7 as the fearless athletes amassed 68 points with four runners
8 ranked in the top ten; and

9 WHEREAS, the road to the program's first title was a grind
10 filled with challenges, from waking up at 6 a.m. to facing
11 injuries and being discouraged, but the team's commitment to
12 excellence to propel them past the finish line, is testament to
13 staying the course, trusting God and being grateful for the
14 opportunity to represent the team, coaches and Alcorn; and

15 WHEREAS, the Lady Braves have been superbly coached and
16 inspired by Alcorn State Head Coach Jimmy Joseph, who was named
17 the 2021 SWAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year, and



18 Assistant Head Coach Miguel Mendez, who have both broadened their
19 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to the honor received by the Lady
21 Braves' coaching personnel, several members of the Women's
22 Cross Country Team have received individual honors, including the
23 selection of Runelda Jackson and Daisy Enriquez to the First Team
24 All-SWAC, as well as, the naming of Samouya Nevers and Stellan
25 Kiptui to the Second Team All-SWAC; and

26 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and sponsors in
27 recognizing this special group of university student-athletes who
28 reached one of the pinnacles of collegiate women's cross country
29 excellence and have brought honor to their university, their
30 community and to the State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Alcorn
33 State University "Lady Braves" Women's Cross Country Team, Head
34 Coach Jimmy Joseph, and Assistant Head Coach Miguel Mendez for
35 winning the 2021 SWAC Championship, and extend to the athletes and
36 coaches our best wishes for continued success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 Head Coach Jimmy Joseph, Interim Athletic Director Cyrus Russ, and
39 President Felecia M. Nave on behalf of the team, to the Board of
40 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and made
41 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

