

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, Butler (38th),
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PASCAGOULA
2 HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC AIR RIFLE TEAM FOR WINNING STATE AND
3 REGIONAL TITLES AND QUALIFYING FOR THE ALL-SERVICE JROTC NATIONAL
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and Pascagoula
6 Community in recognizing the Pascagoula "Panthers" Navy Junior
7 Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Air Rifle Team for winning
8 State and Regional Titles and for their outstanding achievement at
9 the National Competition which earned them the opportunity to
10 compete at the All-Military JROTC Competition; and

11 WHEREAS, the Pascagoula NJROTC Air Rifle Team competed
12 against the Navy's very best at the Navy Air Rifle National
13 Championship. Of the 620 Navy JROTC Units from around the
14 country, only the top 24 teams qualify for this event; and the
15 Pascagoula Panthers finished in sixth place. This win allowed
16 Pascagoula High School to move on, to represent the Navy and
17 Pascagoula against the Army's, Air Force's and the United States
18 Marine Corps' best at the All-Service JROTC National Championship



19 in Port Clinton, Ohio. Only the top seven schools in each service
20 earn this opportunity; and

21 WHEREAS, knowing they needed a solid performance to qualify,
22 Samuel Nason and Dayanara Lopez led the team with a score of 537
23 each, while teammates Diego Ramos added a 534 and Haleiana Jones a
24 520; propelling them from ninth into qualifying sixth place.
25 Cadet Lopez shot a personal best in the kneeling position with a
26 193 out of a possible 200 points to guarantee the team's
27 qualification; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Greg Goley, a retired Navy Master Chief, said
29 Pascagoula High School started the Air Rifle Team about four years
30 ago. "It's similar to golf. People are quiet while you're
31 shooting, for the most part. It's a lot of focus. I set
32 expectations for these kids, and they've surpassed those
33 expectations. Now they have high expectations on themselves,"
34 added Goley; and

35 WHEREAS, the JROTC Postal Competition is one of the most
36 participated in shooting competitions in the United States. Each
37 year, thousands of JROTC Cadets, representing Army, Marine Corps,
38 Navy and Air Force JROTCs compete in the Postal Competition; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
40 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
41 community and to the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the



44 Pascagoula High School Navy JROTC Air Rifle Team for winning the
45 State and Regional Titles and qualifying for the All-Service JROTC
46 National Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents
47 and sponsors our best wishes for continued competition success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Coach Greg Goley and Pascagoula High School Principal Dr. Catterria
50 B. Payton, forwarded to the Pascagoula School Board and made
51 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

