

By: Representative McLean

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL CAVALIERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 SAMANTHA BROOKS FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST EVER MISSISSIPPI HIGH
4 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE VOLLEYBALL
5 CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Caledonia High School Cavaliers Volleyball Team
7 served victory when they beat Pass Christian High School to win
8 the 2022 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)
9 Class 4A State Volleyball Championship for the first time in
10 program history; and

11 WHEREAS, the Cavaliers, who had a superior season that was
12 driven by more than just the yearning to succeed, intensely
13 amplified all of their hard work, motivation and audacity, which
14 were so apparent all through the season, for the game that
15 ultimately rewarded them with the championship trophy; and

16 WHEREAS, aside from a tough start to the first set, the
17 Cavaliers cruised their way into a comfortable Set 2 win and a
18 comfortable lead in Set 3, up as much as nine points over Pass
19 Christian, and the final set scores were 25-20, 25-15 and 25-18,



20 as their mental toughness never wavered from the moment the first
21 serve was made until the dogpile commenced after the Cavaliers
22 sealed their victory; and

23 WHEREAS, Set 1 of the state title game felt like both teams
24 were trying to feel everything out from the crowd to the court to
25 the opponent, and Pass Christian took advantage of some early
26 Caledonia mistakes and took an early 8-3 lead off the jump; and

27 WHEREAS, Caledonia settled in and cut the Pass Christian lead
28 down to 14-13 after an amazing 10-6 run, and from there, the
29 Cavaliers had really found their footing and finished the set on a
30 10-5 run to take a 1-0 match lead; and

31 WHEREAS, a large contingent of Caledonia fans, especially
32 students, traveled with the team to the championship series, and
33 kept them motivated throughout all three sets, and libero Emma
34 McKee had a fantastic service game, as switching up her serve kept
35 the other team on their toes; and

36 WHEREAS, while Pass Christian was unable to adjust, Caledonia
37 was the exact opposite, maturing well into the match, with players
38 like Mary Beth Edmondson and Brianna Holliman having great
39 offensive games; and

40 WHEREAS, Set 3 was an even more exaggerated example of
41 success from the Cavaliers, who rode an 8-1 run behind McKee to
42 take a commanding 17-9 lead in the set, and they saved a point off
43 a kill attempt from the Pass Christian Pirates' outside hitter,
44 and when Mary Beth rose up for what Caledonia hoped was the final



kill, and it tipped off the fingers of a Pirates player and fell out of bounds, the point, set and match was awarded to the Cavaliers, who immediately made a dogpile on the court in celebration of their first ever state title; and

WHEREAS, the team finished their season with amazing spikes, serves and saves by individual players, but the key to the team's success each year has been the amazing team spirit and year-round hard work; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Samantha Brooks has superbly coached and inspired the Cavaliers Volleyball Team and broadened their knowledge of the game while refining their skills in execution, and she continues to build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in her ability to produce high caliber players and plays and by the team's successful season; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as the Caledonia High School Cavaliers Volleyball Team, who have brought honor to their school, their community, and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Caledonia High School Cavaliers Volleyball Team and Head Coach Samantha Brooks for winning their first ever Mississippi High School



70 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Volleyball
71 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for
72 continued success in all their future endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to Head Coach Samantha Brooks and to the members of the
75 Capitol Press Corps.

