

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JONES JUNIOR
2 COLLEGE BOBCATS CHEERLEADING TEAM AND COACH KAYLA HANKINS FOR
3 WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE OPEN COED DIVISION OF THE 2022 UCA
4 COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5 WHEREAS, proving hard work and diligence are the keys to
6 success, Jones Junior College has now earned two consecutive
7 national championship titles, after cheering and tumbling their
8 way into another first place finish in Open Coed Division of the
9 2022 UCA College Championships; and

10 WHEREAS, having attended cheerleading camp at Mississippi
11 State University in July 2021, the Bobcats Cheerleading Team was
12 recognized as Most Collegiate in the junior/community college
13 division, and was named recipient of the Leadership Award; and

14 WHEREAS, while the Bobcat Cheerleaders hosted numerous cheer
15 camps, stunt clinics and community events while cheering
16 consistently for the duration of the football and basketball
17 seasons, the cheerleaders have maintained a 3.204 team GPA for
18 fall 2021, demonstrating their prowess to excel, both academically
19 and athletically, as a testament of the superior caliber of



20 student-athletes who have chosen Jones Junior College as their
21 destination for postsecondary academic preparation, with four
22 student-athletes named to the President's List, and 11 on the
23 Dean's List; and

24 WHEREAS, under the insightful and accomplished leadership of
25 Head Coach Kayla Hankins, and Assistant Coaches, Jeremy Lumpkin
26 and Hanna Burnette, the Bobcats performed exceptionally well,
27 unifying all of their strengths to make a good squad and
28 ultimately executing an outstanding job working toward the
29 accomplishment of this highly pursued goal; and

30 WHEREAS, during the national championship competition, the
31 cheerleaders performed a routine with precision and accuracy for
32 the judges and nailed each of their moves, which consisted of
33 tumbling and difficult stunts designed for their strong points;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, throughout this special season, the Jones Junior
36 College Bobcats Cheerleading Team worked extremely hard to
37 succeed, and the members have improved exponentially in all
38 aspects of their cheering abilities, which also resulted in Lily
39 Baker and Zack Alleman's selection to compete in the NCA College
40 Championship in the partner stunt competition in April 2022; and

41 WHEREAS, the 2022 Open Coed College Championship Cheerleading
42 Team is comprised of the following 24 athletes: Sophomores, Azlyn
43 Dollar, Joy Nicole Fendley, Lily Baker, Madelyn Pace, Mollie
44 Potter, Cole Dueitt, Jathan Watson, Julian Melancon, KJ Mackeroy,



45 Lance Kidd, Max Housman, Will Rushing, Xavius Jones and Zack
46 Alleman; and Freshmen, Bailey Collums, Grayson Weathersby, Hanna
47 Shoemaker, Hope Weathersby, Kaliyah Jones, Elijah Garcia, Gilbert
48 Puerto, Kadin Pohlmann, Micah Broome and Ryan Sullivan; and

49 WHEREAS, the Bobcat Cheerleaders have practiced and worked
50 together for many hours in the pursuit of greatness and have shown
51 a high degree of sportsmanship while representing the State of
52 Mississippi at all levels of competition, and through their
53 superior accomplishments; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 recognize and commend outstanding student-athletes such as the
56 Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team, whose superb
57 attitudes and unparalleled determination to reach their
58 championship goal brought honor and glory to their school and to
59 the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commend and congratulate the Jones Junior College Bobcats
63 Cheerleading Team, Coaches Kayla Hankins, Jeremy Lumpkin and Hanna
64 Burnette for winning the Open Coed Division of the 2022 UCA
65 College Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success
66 in all of their future athletic and academic endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Jones Junior College President Dr. Jesse Smith,



69 Athletic Director Joel Cain, Head Coach Kayla Hankins and to the
70 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

