

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NEW ALBANY
2 HIGH SCHOOL "BULLDOGS" TENNIS TEAM AND HEAD COACH SUZY BOWMAN FOR
3 WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA)
4 4A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the New Albany High School Tennis Team and Head
6 Coach Suzy Bowman completed their 2021-2022 season with an
7 impressive 21-6 record and reigned supreme throughout the playoff
8 series to become the Mississippi High School Activities
9 Association Class 4A State Champions; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, who had a superior season that was
11 driven by more than just the yearning to succeed, intensely
12 amplified all of their hard work, motivation and audacity, which
13 were so apparent all through the season, for the ultimate tennis
14 match, where they edged out their opponent and collected the
15 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A Tennis
16 Championship; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship, the
18 Bulldogs were also named the 2-4A District Champions, a true



19 testament to their year-round hard work and unparalleled
20 athleticism; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Albany High School Bulldogs, who played with
22 nothing but heart and soul all season, have a very talented and
23 distinguished roster that is comprised of the following talented
24 athletes: on the Girls Team, Natalie Creekmore, Gracie Mason,
25 Sarah Robbins, Heidi Clayton, Lilly Stout, Eva Aldridge, Caurie
26 Clayton, Julianna Scott, Kylie Jo Dains, Addi Owen, Ambrianna
27 Shorter, Prarthana Patel, Miracle Hurd and Nayeli Pech; and on the
28 Boys Team, John David Nelson, Joseph Durrett, Conner Greer, Colin
29 Williams, Will Boyington, Wright Miskelly, Brayden Langley, Carter
30 Ladner, Ethan Jackson, Sam Derrick, Matthew Durrett, Gregory
31 Nelson, Mac Blackburn, Bradyn Bowman, Everett Garrett, Hunter
32 Henson, Jacob Christ, Benjamin Tirado, Alan Ortega, Joseph
33 Smithey, Brayden Garrett, Kidd Bennett, Charlie Mac Rowan and
34 Chanapon Weaver; and

35 WHEREAS, each player made a substantial contribution that led
36 to a very remarkable season in the history of the New Albany High
37 School Tennis Program, and individual state championship winners
38 included boys doubles champions, John David Nelson and Joseph
39 Durrett, boys doubles finalists, Gregory Nelson and Will
40 Boyington, girls doubles finalists, Sarah Robbins and Gracie
41 Mason, mixed doubles champions, Everett Garrett and Natalie
42 Creekmore, and girls singles finalist, Heidi Clayton; and



43 WHEREAS, Head Coach Suzy Bowman has superbly coached and
44 inspired the Bulldogs and broadened their knowledge of the game
45 while refining their skills in execution, and she continues to
46 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship
47 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member;
48 and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
50 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
51 the New Albany High School Bulldogs Tennis Team, who have brought
52 honor to their school, the New Albany community and to the State
53 of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 commend and congratulate the New Albany High School "Bulldogs"
57 Tennis Team and Head Coach Suzy Bowman for winning the Mississippi
58 High School Activities Association 4A State Tennis Championship
59 and extend best wishes for continued success in all their future
60 endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Coach Suzy Bowman and to the members of the Capitol
63 Press Corps.

