

By: Representatives Taylor, Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE STARKVILLE  
2 HIGH SCHOOL YELLOWJACKETS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CHRIS JONES  
3 FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 6A  
4 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Starkville High School Yellowjackets Football  
6 Team reigned supreme at the Mississippi High School Activities  
7 Association (MHSAA) Class 6A State Football Championship on  
8 December 3, 2022, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, when they defeated  
9 Brandon High School 48-32 to win their seventh state championship  
10 in the program's history and the first since 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, the Yellowjackets, who had a superior season and an  
12 impressive 12-3 record entering the championship game, were driven  
13 by more than just the yearning to succeed, and they intensely  
14 amplified all of their hard work and motivation, which were so  
15 apparent throughout the entire season, for the championship game;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, throughout four quarters of play, the Yellowjackets  
18 superstar quarterback, junior Trey Petty, was relentless, and his  
19 top receiver, Braylon Burnside, a four-star Class of 2023



20 prospect, played one of his best games of the year, so their  
21 victory was all but decided as soon as they walked onto the field;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, midway through the first quarter, Petty led a  
24 nine-play, 47-yard drive that was capped with a 1-yard quarterback  
25 rush to give Starkville a 7-0 lead, and in the second quarter, the  
26 Yellowjackets went 82 yards on 12 plays with a 22-yard touchdown  
27 connection from Petty to Burnside, a touchdown that truly cemented  
28 the Yellowjackets power over Brandon High School; and

29 WHEREAS, when an aggressive attempt to get back in the game  
30 by the Bulldogs failed, Starkville took advantage of the short  
31 field position for another crucial touchdown and another one-yard  
32 rush from Petty, to go up 21-0 with 19 seconds left in the half;  
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Petty and Burnside wasted little time after halftime  
35 to further extend the Yellowjackets lead, as Starkville scored off  
36 of a turnover to make the score 35-10 late in the third quarter  
37 and put the game away for good; and

38 WHEREAS, the 2022 Starkville High School Yellowjackets  
39 Championship roster is comprised of the following talented  
40 athletes: Jaylon York, Jaiden Turnipseed, Toralyn Knox, JaQuavin  
41 Jenkins, Tony Lucious, Braylon Burnside, Kaesen McQuiller, Anthony  
42 Hogan, Curtis Willis, Ny'jadus Roberts-Holloway, Jejuan Davis,  
43 Zakyrius Key, Jermar McCarter, Trey Petty, Will Wells, Brandon  
44 Short, Eric Thomas, Jr., Isaiah Witherspoon, Jaheim Deanes, Jaylon



45 Ruffin, Elijah Halbert, Justin Jenkins, Nigel McCarter, Jontavious  
46 Rogers, Shiloh Johnson, Parker Simpson, Ashton Bogard, Davarrius  
47 Hairston, Jaiden Williams, Bryson Rodgers, Jeremiah (Jay) Johnson,  
48 Isaiah Dickerson, Zach Hill, Chris Hall, Dorian Gunn, Azavion  
49 Gill, Brian Tutton, Rylan Outlaw, Hunter Bragg, Courtland Cooper,  
50 Donnelvin Jordan, Kerrion Lamb, Jaiven Guess, Donovan Avant,  
51 Calvin Patterson, Erion Lanier, Grady Stewart, J.D. Methvin,  
52 Justin Young, Patrick Lawrence, Si Thomas, Keyon Bell, Terry  
53 Clayborn, Dontavian Wright, Terrelle Ward, Christopher Hayes,  
54 Johnathan Morris, Ashton Mays, Joseph Coleman, Jakavious Goss,  
55 Darryl Smith, Laquincy Harris, Jamiyia Holmes, Tayshaun Peterson,  
56 Zion Veasley, Benjamin Townes Fulford, Jordan Young, Gavin Lewis,  
57 Robert Barnes, Cedrick Tate, La'Joshua Brown, A'Ravion  
58 Moore-Gladney, Skyler Watt, Jahcure Clayton, Elijah Stovall, Silas  
59 Suell, Brayden Carpenter, Jack Fountain, Mason House, Willie  
60 Harkins, Ethan Pulliam, Zyhan Bradley and Braden Green; Head Coach  
61 Chris Jones, and Assistant Coaches Dalton Hudspeth, Terrance Pope,  
62 Adam Shumaker and Charley Williams; and

63 WHEREAS, in addition to becoming the MHSAA Class 6A State  
64 Champions, several individual Yellowjacket players received  
65 awards, including Head Coach Chris Jones, who was named  
66 Mississippi's Coach of the Year; Tony Lucious, 1st Team All State  
67 and Blackwell North All-Star-All Region; Eric Thomas, Jr., 2nd  
68 Team All State and Blackwell North All-Star-All Region; Nyjadius  
69 Holloway, All Region-Mississippi and Alabama; Justin Jenkins, All



70 Region; Trey Petty, Co-overall MVP for Region 2-6A and 6A State  
71 Championship MVP; Braylon Burnside, All Region and 1st Team All  
72 State; Jaylon York, All Region and Blackwell North All Star, All  
73 State 2nd Team; Chris Haynes, All Region; J.D. Methevin, Magnolia  
74 All Star Senior Bowl; Ethan Pulliam, All Region; and Terry  
75 Clayborn, All Region; and

76 WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Jones has superbly coached and  
77 inspired the Yellowjackets and broadened their knowledge of the  
78 game while refining their skills in execution, and he continues to  
79 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship  
80 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,  
81 as evidenced in his ability to produce high caliber players and  
82 plays and by the team's successful season; and

83 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
84 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as  
85 the Starkville High School Yellowjackets Football Team, who have  
86 brought honor to their school, the City of Starkville and to the  
87 State of Mississippi:

88 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
89 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
90 commend and congratulate the Starkville High School Yellowjackets  
91 Football Team and Head Coach Chris Jones for winning the  
92 Mississippi High School Activities Association 6A State Football  
93 Championship and extend best wishes for continued success in all  
94 their future endeavors.



95           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
96 furnished to Head Coach Chris Jones and to the members of the  
97 Capitol Press Corps.

