

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.

