

By: Representatives Calvert, Horne

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2022-2023 WEST
2 LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH BRANDON
3 RODGERS UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights Soccer
6 Team continues to amass trophies as they defeated the Stone County
7 High School Lady Tomcats Soccer Team 5-0 in Brandon, Mississippi,
8 to emerge as the Mississippi High School Activities Association
9 (MHSAA) Class 4A Girls Soccer State Championship title holders on
10 February 4, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, in becoming the 2022-2023 MHSAA Class 4A Girls
12 Soccer State Champions, the Lady Knights, with an extremely
13 impressive 23-2-1 season, invested countless measures of hard work
14 above and beyond the efforts of other teams, outscoring their
15 opponents 151-14 in the season and 19-0 in the state game play off
16 to bring home its fifth golden title ball in the school's history,
17 and first since 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, in their ascent to the state championship victory,
19 the Lady Knights first clinched the North State Championship by



20 taking down the New Albany Lady Bulldogs by the score of 5-0, and
21 it would not have been possible without the robust, energetic and
22 driven efforts by Kristen Phillips and Bailee Fairley, who each
23 scored two goals, Alexa Shirley, who added the extra goal, and the
24 Lady Knights' goalkeeper Anna Kate Humphries, who recorded her
25 16th shutout this season; and

26 WHEREAS, striving to win with unparalleled motivation and
27 ardent determination, the Lady Knights played their best game of
28 the season during the state championship match, as their mental
29 stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they
30 exited the locker room until the final buzzer signaled victory and
31 they raised their well-deserved championship trophy; and

32 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Lady Knights' team statistics were
33 impressive, but the key to this team's consistent success has been
34 the constant atmosphere and year-round hard work by the following
35 talented and distinguished players: Audrey Smith, Anna Kate
36 Humphries, Kylie Reid, Eden Culpepper, Katie Lank, Chloe Reid,
37 Abigail Sanders, Annisten Snider, Lexy Followay, Maddie Kate
38 Bunyard, Jolee Todd, Lillian Anderson, Kristen Phillips, Addison
39 Scott, Kaylea Hicks, Alexa Shirley, Kennedy Hicks, Jena Shirley,
40 Macy Shirley, Lilly Grace Henderson, Haley Graham, Bailee Fairley,
41 Sara Anslee Mason, Anna Vincent, Karen Balderas, Elizabeth Bailey,
42 Alyse Wilson, Kaylee Harrison, Ella Morse and Madison Blair Ammon;
43 and



44 WHEREAS, the Lady Knights have been superbly coached and
45 inspired by Head Coach Brandon Rodgers and Assistant Coach Celeste
46 Boswell, who have broadened the team's knowledge of the game and
47 refined their skills in execution; and

48 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Lady Knights have
49 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of
50 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great
51 credit upon the individual players and their coaches, bringing
52 honor to West Lauderdale High School; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
54 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi
55 student-athletes, especially those such as the West Lauderdale
56 High School Girls Soccer Team, whose excellence on the field and
57 in the classroom bring honor to their school, their community and
58 the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 commend and congratulate the 2022-2023 West Lauderdale High School
62 Girls Soccer Team and Head Coach Brandon Rodgers upon winning the
63 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A Girls
64 Soccer State Championship and extend best wishes to the team and
65 coaches for continued success in all of their future athletic and
66 academic endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Head Coach Brandon Rodgers, West Lauderdale High



69 School Principal Shane Rodgers, the Lauderdale County School Board
70 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

