

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.

