

By: Representatives Rushing, Smith

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE 2022-2023 NEWTON  
2 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "COUGARS" VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR THEIR  
3 OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Newton County High School "Cougars"  
5 Varsity Cheerleading Team reigned victorious as back-to-back  
6 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) State  
7 Champions in the 4A Game Day division, and were also UCA National  
8 High School Cheerleading Champions in the Medium Varsity DII  
9 Non-Tumbling Game Day division, truly outstanding accomplishments;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Cougars took the silver medal at the  
12 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship, missing the  
13 first place spot by only a tenth of a point, but as the squad  
14 moved into the new season, the team was ready to work hard to  
15 maintain their state title, as well as reach new heights at the  
16 national level; and

17 WHEREAS, striving for excellence, the team attended the  
18 Masters Summer Camp, Stunt Clinics, early morning summer workouts,



19 and late night team practices that lasted over two hours  
20 throughout the week, and while a tenth of a point does not seem  
21 like much, that tenth of a point proved to be the fuel and  
22 motivation for the program to reach new heights; and

23 WHEREAS, perseverance, hard work and unparalleled dedication,  
24 along with their strong culture based on family, is what truly  
25 made the difference in this year's success, as the program was  
26 able to clinch back-to-back MHSAA Division 4A Game Day State  
27 Championship titles, as well as heading to nationals, and claiming  
28 the top spot by over two points, bringing home the gold medal and  
29 the coveted national champion white jackets; and

30 WHEREAS, the Cougars, who cheered with nothing but heart and  
31 soul all season, have a very talented roster, including: Adison  
32 Hollingsworth, Allie Claire Amis, Anna Lynne Pierce, Kaylee  
33 McDowell, Kinly Vick, Skylar Patricola, Eva Swann, Gracie Measell,  
34 Aleah McMullan, Maylee Lockley, Aaliyah Dawkins-Allen, Macy Claire  
35 Mann, Aubrey Kate Hayes, Natalie Allen, Emily Terrell, Macy Brooke  
36 Hayes, Bella Grace Jones, Lily Miles, Gracey Wood, Jordi Wilhelm,  
37 Kensley Allen, Anna Claire Skinner and Brianna Embrey; and

38 WHEREAS, the squad has been superbly coached and tremendously  
39 inspired by Head Coach Bobbie Simon, who remains personally vested  
40 in the academic and athletic success of each squad member, and has  
41 broadened their knowledge of the sport while refining their skills  
42 in execution; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to



44 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippi student-athletes,  
45 especially those such as the Newton County High School "Cougars"  
46 Varsity Cheerleading Team, whose hard work and perseverance brings  
47 honor to their school, their community and to the State of  
48 Mississippi:

49         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
51 recognize and commend the 2022-2023 Newton County High School  
52 "Cougars" Varsity Cheerleading Team, and Head Coach Bobbie Simon,  
53 for their outstanding accomplishments this season, and extend to  
54 them best wishes for continued success in all their future  
55 endeavors.

56         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
57 furnished to Head Coach Bobbie Simon, and to the members of the  
58 Capitol Press Corps.

