

By: Representative Foster

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE HINDS COMMUNITY  
2 COLLEGE EAGLES TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
3 ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
4 TRACK AND FIELD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5 WHEREAS, the Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field  
6 Teams concluded their memorable indoor season at the National  
7 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Track and Field  
8 National Championships in Topeka, Kansas, that took place on March  
9 3-4, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, remarkably, the women's team is 10th in the nation  
11 out of 48 teams, and the men's team is 12th in the nation out of  
12 50 teams; and

13 WHEREAS, sophomore Diandrenique Gaines earned National  
14 Runner-Up status in the 60-meter dash and in the 200-meter dash,  
15 and finished the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.42, and crossed  
16 the finish line in the 200-meter dash at the 23.98 mark; and

17 WHEREAS, sophomore sprinter Dapriest Hogans finished in 2nd  
18 place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.86, to become a  
19 National Runner-Up for the Eagles; and



20 WHEREAS, the Eagles had eight individuals and one relay to  
21 finish in the top seven in the National Championships, in which 11  
22 athletes earned All-American status in nine events; and

23 WHEREAS, the women's finalists and point scorers include the  
24 following exceptional athletes: Diandrenique Gaines, of Port  
25 Gibson, Mississippi, who earned National Runner-Up status in the  
26 60-meter dash and in the 200-meter dash, finished the 60-meter  
27 dash with a time of 7.42, and crossed the finish line in the  
28 200-meter dash at the 23.98 mark; JodyAnn Dixon, of Jamaica, 400  
29 meters - 54.78 - 4th and 60 hurdles - 8.74 - 7th; and in the 4x400  
30 relay, 3:51.46 - 5th: Kaylin Robinson, of Jackson, Mississippi;  
31 Kiersten Clark, of Batesville, Mississippi; Brianna Charles, of  
32 Guyana; and Brooke Gray, of Brighton, Michigan; and

33 WHEREAS, the men's finalist and point scorers include the  
34 following noteworthy athletes: Dapriest Hogans, of Opelousas,  
35 Louisiana, who earned 2nd place in the 200-meter dash with a time  
36 of 20.86, to become a National Runner-Up and 60 meters - 6.73 -  
37 5th; Aaron Fortenberry, of Brandon, Mississippi, pole vault -  
38 4.58m - 3rd; and Kareem Nazim, of Carrolton, Georgia, pole vault -  
39 4.43m - 5th; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 recognize and commend distinguished student-athletes, especially  
42 those such as the Hinds Community College Eagles Track and Field  
43 Teams, whose superb accomplishments and athletic excellence brings  
44 honor to Hinds Community College:



45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 recognize and commend the Hinds Community College Eagles Track and  
48 Field Teams and Head Track and Field Coach, Mr. Reginald Dillon,  
49 for their outstanding achievements at the National Junior College  
50 Athletic Association Track and Field National Championships, and  
51 extend best wishes to the teams for continued success in all their  
52 future endeavors.

53           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to Head Track and Field Coach, Mr. Reginald Dillon and  
55 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

