

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Barnett, Butler  
(38th), Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 NEWTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "COUGARS" CHEERLEADING TEAM AND CHEER  
3 COACH TONYA NOWELL FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 4A STATE  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Newton County High School "Cougars" Cheer Team  
6 captured the 4A Game Day State Championship Title in Jackson on  
7 December 10, 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2022 "Cougars" Cheer Team is coached by Tonya  
9 Nowell, who has led this talented group to statewide recognition;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the 2022 Championship Cheer Team members are:  
12 Tierra Jones, Amelia Claire Bracken, Sydney Miller, Alexis  
13 Barrett, Billie Baucum, Anna Pierce, Alli Claire Amis, Kaylee  
14 McDowell, Valli Weems, Brooklyn Mowdy, Alex Weir, Audrie Gentry,  
15 Kinly Vick, Skylar Patricola, Faith Dejarnett, Aubrie Skinner,  
16 Shelby McLemore, Eva Swann, Macy Hale and Abby Gist; Co-Captain,  
17 Gracie Measell and Captain, Carlie Kitchings; and

18 WHEREAS, Newton County High School students are challenged  
19 each day to thrive. The faculty and staff are tenacious in their



20 pursuit of excellence for the students they serve. They have a  
21 heart for education and they value each student who enters their  
22 classroom. The school administrative team works to provide a safe  
23 and positive school environment for all stakeholders promoting  
24 collaboration with staff, students and parents; and

25 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
26 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
27 community and to the State of Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
29 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
30 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Newton County High  
31 School "Cougars" Cheerleading Team and Cheer Coach Tonya Nowell  
32 for winning the MHSAA Class 4A State Championship, and we extend  
33 to the team, coach, parents and sponsors our best wishes for  
34 future success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
36 Coach Tonya Nowell for the team, forwarded to Newton County High  
37 School Principal Cody Killen and the Newton County Board of  
38 Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

