

By: Senator(s) Williams, Barnett, Butler  
(38th), Hickman, Turner-Ford

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 518

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL "YELLOWJACKETS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD  
3 COACH CHRIS JONES FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 6A STATE FOOTBALL  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, on December 3, 2022, the Starkville High School  
6 "Yellowjackets" football team lead by Quarterback Trey Petty  
7 defeated Brandon 48-32 in Hattiesburg to win the MHSAA Class 6A  
8 State Championship. This game secured for Starkville its first  
9 State Title since 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, there was little the Brandon Bulldogs could do to  
11 slow down the Yellowjackets Quarterback Trey Petty, a superstar  
12 junior. It didn't help Brandon (12-2) that Petty's top receiver  
13 Braylon Burnside, a four-star Class of 2023 prospect, played one  
14 of his best games; and

15 WHEREAS, the Yellowjackets victory started midway through the  
16 first quarter when Petty led a nine-play, 47-yard drive to give  
17 Starkville (12-3) a 7-0 lead. The drive was capped by Petty's  
18 1-yard rush. Midway through the second quarter, the Yellowjackets



19 went 82 yards on 12 plays with a 22-yard touchdown connection from  
20 Petty to Burnside providing the final blow; and

21 WHEREAS, down 14-0, Brandon elected to take an aggressive  
22 approach. Bulldogs Coach Sam Williams decided to go for a  
23 fourth-and-12 near midfield. The play failed, and Starkville took  
24 advantage of a short field for a crucial touchdown, another  
25 one-yard rush from Petty, to go up 21-0 with 19 seconds left in  
26 the half. Petty and Burnside wasted little time after halftime to  
27 extend the lead. Starkville scored off a turnover on a touchdown  
28 pass to Jaylon York to make the score 35-10 late in the third  
29 quarter and put the game away; and

30 WHEREAS, the game was dedicated to Phillip Laster, Jr., a  
31 17-year-old Brandon player who collapsed at practice on August 1,  
32 and the Brandon helmets featured the initials "PL" representing  
33 something more important than games won or lost; and

34 WHEREAS, the 2022 Starkville High School "Yellowjackets"  
35 Championship Roster is: Jaylon York, Jaiden Turnipseed, Toralyn  
36 Knox, JaQuavin Jenkins, Tony Lucious, Braylon Burnside, Kaesen  
37 McQuiller, Anthony Hogan, Curtis Willis, Ny'jadus  
38 Roberts-Holloway, Jejuan Davis, Zakyrius Key, Jermar McCarter,  
39 Trey Petty, Will Wells, Brandon Short, Eric Thomas, Jr., Isaiah  
40 Witherspoon, Jaheim Deanes, Jaylon Ruffin, Elijah Halbert, Justin  
41 Jenkins, Nigel McCarter, Jontavious Rogers, Shiloh Johnson, Parker  
42 Simpson, Ashton Bogard, Davarrius Hairston, Jaiden Williams,  
43 Bryson Rodgers, Jeremiah (Jay) Johnson, Isaiah Dickerson, Zach



44 Hill, Chris Hall, Dorian Gunn, Azavion Gill, Brian Tutton, Rylan  
45 Outlaw, Hunter Bragg, Courtland Cooper, Donnelvin Jordan, Kerrion  
46 Lamb, Jaiven Guess, Donovan Avant, Calvin Patterson, Erion Lanier,  
47 Grady Stewart, J.D. Methvin, Justin Young, Patrick Lawrence, Si  
48 Thomas, Keyon Bell, Terry Clayborn, Dontavian Wright, Terrelle  
49 Ward, Christopher Hayes, Johnathan Morris, Ashton Mays, Joseph  
50 Coleman, Jakavious Goss, Darryl Smith, Laquincy Harris, Jamiyia  
51 Holmes, Tayshaun Peterson, Zion Veasley, Benjamin Townes Fulford,  
52 Jordan Young, Gavin Lewis, Robert Barnes, Cedrick Tate, La'Joshua  
53 Brown, A'Ravion Moore-Gladney, Skyler Watt, Jahcure Clayton,  
54 Elijah Stovall, Silas Suell, Brayden Carpenter, Jack Fountain,  
55 Mason House, Willie Harkins, Ethan Pulliam, Zyhan Bradley and  
56 Braden Green; Head Coach Chris Jones, and Assistant Coaches Dalton  
57 Hudspeth, Terrance Pope, Adam Shumaker and Charley Williams; and

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

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
63 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Starkville High School  
64 "Yellowjackets" football team and Head Coach Chris Jones for  
65 winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Football Championship, and extend  
66 the best wishes of the Legislature to the team, coaches, parents  
67 and sponsors for future success.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
69 Head Coach Chris Jones for the team and Starkville High School  
70 Principal Dr. Darein Spann, forwarded to the Starkville School  
71 District and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

