

By: Senator(s) Hill, Moran, Barnett, Butler
(38th), Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 548

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL "MAROON TIDE" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 CODY STOGNER FOR ITS BACK-TO-BACK MHSAA CLASS 5A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the West Point vs. Picayune trilogy is complete, and
6 Darrell Smith struck the deciding blow in favor of the "Maroon
7 Tide." Smith hauled in a short pass in the left flat from
8 Picayune Quarterback Brady Robertson and sprinted 80 yards down
9 the sideline for a touchdown, breaking two tackles on his way; and

10 WHEREAS, that touchdown gave Picayune High School a 24-14
11 lead late in the third quarter, and in an explosive and definitive
12 turning point in a second half, the Maroon Tide controlled on the
13 way to a 31-21 win in the Mississippi 5A State Championship game
14 on December 2, 2022, at M.M. Roberts Stadium. After a title game
15 defeat to West Point (11-3) in 2019, Picayune (15-0) can now claim
16 back-to-back championship victories over a powerhouse Green Wave
17 program; and

18 WHEREAS, it is the first time the Maroon Tide has claimed
19 back-to-back titles, also capping the school's first undefeated



20 season since 1937. "It's so hard to get here," Head Coach Stogner
21 said. "It involves so much work and luck and effort. The things
22 they do are remarkable. I can't say enough about the team"; and

23 WHEREAS, Darrell Smith's reception marked the second of two
24 completed passes for the Maroon Tide on the night. With a
25 star-studded rushing attack, it mattered little. "It helps when
26 you've got the No. 2 back carrying the load 29 to 30 times a game.
27 We've been knowing Smith was going to be a good player since he
28 was in seventh grade"; and

29 WHEREAS, the 2022 Picayune High School "Maroon Tide"
30 Championship roster is: Dante Dowdell, Jabari McWilliams, Darrell
31 Smith, Niquis Ratcliff, Chris Davis, Brady Robertson, Jessiah
32 Contee, Dylan Martz, Jamonta Waller, Ian Herring, Jamal Simmons,
33 Damarius Magee, Brandon Parker, Jr., Broderick Ducre, Triston
34 Cooper, Chandler Kiley, Nathan Hickman, Javion Goss, Tyran Warren,
35 Tyrel McGill, Robert Williams, Amarion Tyson, Cristian James, Ben
36 Ducker, Winston Drain, James Mitchell, Morgan Craft, Darnell
37 Smith, Jeremiah Grant, Elysha Diodati, Caleb Simmons, Zavion
38 Coleman, Jeremiah Contee, Quinton Haynes, Gage Thibodeaux, Canaan
39 Uzel, Roman Galvez, Peyton Wells, Brennen Williams, Brodie
40 Hassell, Chase Stubbs, Michael Morrell, Karsen Robbins, Jermiah
41 Adams, Donell Lewis, Mitchell Smith, Michael Smith, Marquez
42 Solomon, Ty Grant, Marty D, Frank Simmons, Scotty Adam, Hooty
43 Adam, Joshua Perry and Joe Abston; Head Coach Cody Stogner; and
44 Assistant Coaches Adam Feeley, Seth Hayden and Mark Summers; and



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

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Picayune High School
51 "Maroon Tide" Football Team and Head Coach Cody Stogner for its
52 back-to-back Mississippi High School Activities Association
53 (MHSAA) Class 5A State Championship, and extend the best wishes of
54 the Legislature to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for
55 future success.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Coach Cody Stogner for the team and Picayune School District
58 Principal Kristi Mitchell, forwarded to the Picayune School
59 District Board of Trustees, and made available to the Capitol
60 Press Corps.

