

By: Senator(s) Barrett, Barnett, Butler
(38th), Frazier, McDaniel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LINCOLN COUNTY
2 COMMUNITY ROBOTICS TEAMS FOR WINNING THE 2022 MISSISSIPPI STATE
3 ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, two community youth robotics teams of students from
5 Lincoln County traveled to Houston, Texas, in April, 2022, for the
6 regional competition after winning the local and state level of
7 community robotics competitions; and

8 WHEREAS, the local robotics teams "Slight Malfunction" and
9 Bogue Chitto's "Technocats" received the top score of 268 in
10 Mississippi. These teams are now competing April 19-24 in
11 Houston, Texas, as the Mississippi State Champions and captains of
12 the winning alliance in the Mississippi Southern League; and

13 WHEREAS, "Slight Malfunction" comprises seventh through 11th
14 graders from home schoolers to students at Loyd Star Attendance
15 Center; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2017, the rookie robotics team worked their way
17 up, often partnered with Bogue Chitto Attendance Center's team,



18 "Technocats," who graciously allowed them to share a space for
19 building and practicing; and

20 WHEREAS, Rob and Beth Davis coach the team, which includes
21 Macy Dantin from Loyd Star Attendance Center; Noah Danton from
22 Loyd Star Attendance Center; Nick Davis, who is home schooled;
23 Angel Dinicola from Loyd Star Attendance Center; and Coleman Shipp
24 from Loyd Star Attendance Center. The team had several
25 competitions to conquer on their way to the championship:
26 Mississippi Southern League going into tournament, where they were
27 the second-ranked team. They had the second-highest points value
28 consisting of the top five scores from the entire season.
29 Mississippi Southern League Tournament, where they won the
30 Alliance Captain and received the Innovate Award sponsored by
31 Raytheon Technologies. Mississippi State Championship with the
32 winning Alliance Captain and received the Design Award, defeating
33 the state high-score record twice that day. Previously they held
34 the record for the most of the season, 216. They beat their own
35 record, with a winning score of 268, setting the Mississippi State
36 high score and MSU's as well; and

37 WHEREAS, "Technocats," FTC Team 6273, from Bogue Chitto
38 Attendance Center won the Mississippi Southern League Tournament
39 with alliance partners and won the Mississippi State Championship
40 as alliance partners. Their coaches, Reggie Wise, a retired
41 teacher from Bogue Chitto Attendance Center and Wendy Cawthorn, a



42 science teacher at Bogue Chitto Attendance Center were most
43 accommodating; and

44 WHEREAS, "This year, we started off with only one veteran
45 team member and four new rookies," Davis said. "And now it is
46 amazing to have the honor to go to the World Championships. With
47 great leadership, team captain, Nick Davis and students willing to
48 learn, the team realized that this is the hardest fun we will ever
49 have"; and

50 WHEREAS, the REC Foundation and VEX Robotics host the Live
51 Remote VEX Robotics World Championship, which showcases the
52 incredible talent and skills of students. Over 1,400 teams from
53 over 30 countries and 49 U.S. states compete on streaming
54 platforms allowing students to compete in a dynamic real-time,
55 online setting; and

56 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
57 of Mississippi students who have embraced this growing
58 engineering/academic competition and are bringing honor to their
59 schools, their communities and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
62 Lincoln County Community Robotics Teams for winning the 2022
63 Mississippi State Robotics Championship, and extend our best
64 wishes to the team members, coaches and families for success in
65 the FTC World Championship Competition.



66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
67 the Lincoln County Robotics Teams and Coaches Rob and Beth Davis
68 and Reggie Wise and Wendy Cawthorn, forwarded to their sponsoring
69 schools and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

