

By: Senator(s) Tate, Barnett, Butler (38th), To: Rules
McCaughn

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2022-2023 WEST
2 LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH BRANDON
3 RODGERS UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A GIRLS STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the West Lauderdale High School "Lady Knights"
6 Soccer Team amassed another trophy when they defeated the Stone
7 County High School "Lady Tomcats" Soccer Team 5-0 in Brandon,
8 Mississippi, and emerged as the Mississippi High School Activities
9 Association (MHSAA) Class 4A Girls State Soccer Championship title
10 holders on February 4, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, in becoming the 2022-2023 MHSAA Class 4A Girls State
12 Soccer Champions, the "Lady Knights," had an extremely impressive
13 23-2-1 season, outscoring their opponents 151-14 in the season and
14 19-0 in the State Game Play Off to bring home their fifth Golden
15 Title Ball in the school's history, and first since 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, in postseason play, the "Lady Knights" first
17 clinched the North State Championship by taking down the New
18 Albany "Lady Bulldogs" with a score of 5-0. The match featured
19 efforts by Kristen Phillips and Bailee Fairley, who each scored



20 two goals, Alexa Shirley, who added the extra goal, and the "Lady
21 Knights'" Goalkeeper Anna Kate Humphries, who recorded her 16th
22 shutout this season; and

23 WHEREAS, the "Lady Knights" played their best game of the
24 season during the State Championship Match, as their mental
25 stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they
26 exited the locker room until the final buzzer signaled victory,
27 and they raised their well-deserved championship trophy; and

28 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 "Lady Knights'" Roster: Audrey Smith,
29 Anna Kate Humphries, Kylie Reid, Eden Culpepper, Katie Lank, Chloe
30 Reid, Abigail Sanders, Annisten Snider, Lexy Followay, Maddie Kate
31 Bunyard, Jolee Todd, Lillian Anderson, Kristen Phillips, Addison
32 Scott, Kaylea Hicks, Alexa Shirley, Kennedy Hicks, Jena Shirley,
33 Macy Shirley, Lilly Grace Henderson, Haley Graham, Bailee Fairley,
34 Sara Anslee Mason, Anna Vincent, Karen Balderas, Elizabeth Bailey,
35 Alyse Wilson, Kaylee Harrison, Ella Morse and Madison Blair Ammon;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, the "Lady Knights" have been superbly coached and
38 inspired by Head Coach Brandon Rodgers and Assistant Coach Celeste
39 Boswell, who have broadened the team's knowledge of the game and
40 refined the execution of their skills; and

41 WHEREAS, the "Lady Knights" have developed a winning,
42 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their
43 activities and attitudes reflect great credit upon the individual



44 players and their coaches, bringing honor to West Lauderdale High
45 School:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
48 2022-2023 West Lauderdale High School Girls Soccer Team and Head
49 Coach Brandon Rodgers upon winning the Mississippi High School
50 Activities Association Class 4A Girls State Soccer Championship
51 and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for continued
52 success in all of their future athletic and academic endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Head Coach Brandon Rodgers, West Lauderdale High School Principal
55 Shane Rodgers, forwarded to the Lauderdale County School Board and
56 made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

