

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW ALBANY HIGH  
2 SCHOOL GIRLS "LADY BULLDOGS" GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023-2024  
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) 4A GIRLS'  
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND EARNING THE STATUS AS "BACK-TO-BACK"  
5 CHAMPIONS.

6 WHEREAS, it was an amazing year for the New Albany High  
7 School Girls Golf Team as the team completed its 2023-2024 season  
8 as Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 4A State  
9 Champions; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 title is the team's 4th championship  
11 win, having captured the title in 2016, 2022 and the Spring  
12 2022-2023 golf seasons; and

13 WHEREAS, even more impressive is the fact that the team has  
14 also earned the title of "back-to-back" champions in the same  
15 calendar year because the sport of golf was moved from a spring to  
16 a fall sport, they are the 2023-2024 champions, and also won the  
17 state championship title during the Spring 2022-2023 season; and



18           WHEREAS, the tenacity and hard work of this team moved them  
19 up the competitive scale by moving from Class II to 4A division;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, leading the season with a 14-2 record, this team was  
22 poised to be unstoppable as they entered the state tournament in  
23 Vicksburg at Clear Creek Golf Club; and

24           WHEREAS, on day one, New Albany took a commanding 24 stroke  
25 lead and finished the tournament with a 46 stroke victory over  
26 Runner-Up Greene County; and

27           WHEREAS, New Albany was led by 8th grade standout Adeline  
28 Bailey who shot a -2 under round on day one and followed up with a  
29 day two score of 75 taking the overall individual Gold Medalist  
30 honors with a two-day total of 145 with eight birdies over two  
31 days; and

32           WHEREAS, her teammate Lucy King was firing at the flagstick  
33 also shooting an 80 and 79 taking the Bronze medal with five  
34 birdies during the tournament; and

35           WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs also had two golfers finish in the  
36 Top 10, Zoie White with 194 and Katie Dallas with 200, and the  
37 fifth roster spot held by Laura Preston Ranager, also found  
38 herself in the Top 20; and

39           WHEREAS, this championship team has been superbly coached by  
40 Head Coach Shane Sanderson and Assistant Coach Geoffrey King, who  
41 were selected to be part of the first ever MAC North/South HS  
42 All-Star Golf Match; and



43 WHEREAS, Adeline Bailey and Lucy King also represented New  
44 Albany in the MAC North/South HS All-Star Golf Match, with the  
45 North winning the event 22.5 to 7.5 in a Ryder Cup style event  
46 that featured 12 of the best males and 8 females from the North  
47 and 12/8 from the South; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to celebrate  
49 and honor the hard work and achievements of student-athletes such  
50 as the New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team, whose  
51 "back-to-back" championship has propelled them to the pinnacle of  
52 high school golf and brought great honor to their school:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
55 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the New Albany  
56 High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team, for winning the Mississippi  
57 High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 2023-2024 4A State  
58 Championship and earning the status of "back-to-back" champions.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Head Coach Shane Sanderson, Assistant Coach Geoffrey  
61 King, the principal of New Albany High School and to the members  
62 of the Capitol Press Corps.

