

By: Representative Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE DANCE TEAM AND COACH  
3 PATRICE CHRISTIAN FOR WINNING THE 2024 OPEN HIP-HOP NATIONAL  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, proving hard work and diligence are the keys to  
6 success, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team  
7 won the gold medal in the Open Hip-Hop Finals at the UCA/UDA  
8 College Nationals, marking the program's first-ever national  
9 championship; and

10 WHEREAS, competing at nationals for just the second time  
11 ever, Head Coach Patrice Christian's Northwest dance team advanced  
12 to the finals in every division they competed in throughout the  
13 weekend, and in the Open Hip-Hop category, Northwest avenged last  
14 year's second-place finish by earning first in both the semifinals  
15 and finals, as the Rangers topped the semifinals with a raw score  
16 of 92.3833 and an event score of 87.9841, beating out 15 other  
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, in the finals, Northwest posted a raw score of 92.65  
19 and an event score of 88.2381, far ahead of runners-up West



20 Chester University (85 score) and Wisconsin-Eau Claire (81.0159  
21 score); and

22 WHEREAS, during the championship series, the Rangers also  
23 brought home the bronze in the Open Game Day division, and after  
24 competing in the semifinals against 15 teams, Northwest earned  
25 fifth place with an 84.45 score, before rising to third in the  
26 finals with a result of 86.7; and

27 WHEREAS, under the insightful and accomplished leadership of  
28 Head Coach Patrice Christian, the Rangers did an exceptional job  
29 of covering each other's faults, unifying all of their strengths  
30 to make a good squad and ultimately executing an outstanding job  
31 working toward the accomplishment of this highly pursued goal; and

32 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance  
33 Team is comprised of the following talented athletes: Makenzie  
34 Sandridge, Meredith Powell, Ashtyn Farris, Emma Bichon, Taylor  
35 Threatt, Mark Holmes, Amari Dawkins, Kamarion Hooks, Lauren Deep,  
36 Khavion Jones, Tatiana Birr, Katie Brewer, Blessyn Davis, Kenya  
37 Kizart, Halle Holman, Nataliah Robinson, Brianna Davis, Amarion  
38 Hooks and Jeffrey Jones; and

39 WHEREAS, throughout this special season, the Northwest  
40 Mississippi Community College Dance Team worked extremely hard to  
41 succeed, and the members have improved exponentially in all  
42 aspects of their abilities, which is largely due to their  
43 outstanding God-given talent, strong desire to win and tremendous  
44 work ethic; and



45           WHEREAS, the Rangers Dance Team have practiced and worked  
46 together for many hours in the pursuit of greatness and have shown  
47 a high degree of sportsmanship while representing the State of  
48 Mississippi at all levels of competition, and through their  
49 superior accomplishments, these Magnolia State student-athletes  
50 have brought honor to themselves, Coach Patrice Christian and to  
51 Northwest Mississippi Community College; and

52           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
53 and commend outstanding student-athletes such as the Northwest  
54 Mississippi Community College Dance Team, whose superb attitudes  
55 and unparalleled determination to reach their championship goal  
56 brought honor and glory to their school and to the State of  
57 Mississippi:

58           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
60 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northwest  
61 Mississippi Community College Dance Team and Coach Patrice  
62 Christian for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship,  
63 and extend best wishes for continued success in all their future  
64 athletic and academic endeavors.

65           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
66 furnished to Coach Patrice Christian and to the members of the  
67 Capitol Press Corps.

