

By: Representative Steverson

To: Rules

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE RIPLEY HIGH
2 SCHOOL TIGERS GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 MISSISSIPPI HIGH
3 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, it was a magical year for the Ripley High School
5 Tigers Golf Team as it completed the season as the 2023
6 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A
7 State Champions, becoming winners of two state titles within a
8 calendar year; and

9 WHEREAS, in the first year of the Mississippi High School
10 Activities Association (MHSAA) moving golf from the spring to the
11 fall, Ripley finished with an overall score of 632 in the spring
12 and 610 in the fall; and

13 WHEREAS, the Tigers' first-round weather conditions were far
14 from ideal, but the veteran squad battled the elements and fared
15 much better in building a huge lead, as they drove, puttied,
16 chipped, birdied and eagled their way to lay claim to the title as
17 State Champions; and



18 WHEREAS, in keeping the tradition of the teams' record of
19 excellence on track, Ripley High School Tigers Golf Team stormed
20 to a 16-stroke lead in the MHSAA Class 4A Tournament, and the
21 6-man team of Clay Adams, Jake Moffitt, Craig Bullock, Cole Adams,
22 Jack Reid and Bo Barefield nursed the lead over the last 18 holes,
23 winning by 18 strokes to claim the championship title, and two
24 Ripley juniors finished in the top three individual spots, as Jake
25 Moffitt took top honors with a 36-round score of 147, while Craig
26 Bullock was third at 158; and

27 WHEREAS, the Tigers were driven by more than just the
28 yearning to succeed, as they amplified all of their hard work and
29 motivation, which were so apparent throughout the entire season,
30 for the championship title, which is attributed to a combination
31 of superb coaching by Head Coach Nik Wilcher, a broadened
32 knowledge of the sport, and a precision refinement of their skills
33 in execution, and they have established and continue to build upon
34 a legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship, forged by the
35 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
37 recognize this special group of student-athletes who reached the
38 pinnacle of high school golf and have brought honor to Ripley High
39 School, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 commend and congratulate the Ripley High School Tigers Golf Team



43 for winning the 2023 Mississippi High School Activities
44 Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Championship, and extend best
45 wishes for continued success in all their future athletic and
46 academic endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to the Ripley High School Tigers Golf Team, and to the
49 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

