

By: Representative Steverson

To: Rules

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; and

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

17 WHEREAS, in keeping the tradition of the teams' record of
18 excellence on track, Ripley High School Tigers Golf Team stormed



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

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

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend and congratulate the Ripley High School Tigers Golf Team
42 for winning the 2023 Mississippi High School Activities
43 Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Championship, and extend best



44 wishes for continued success in all their future athletic and
45 academic endeavors.

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

