

By: Representatives Powell, Yancey

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HARTFIELD
2 ACADEMY HAWKS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CRAIG BOWMAN FOR
3 WINNING THE MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (MAIS)
4 CLASS AAAAAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Hartfield Academy Varsity Football Team reigned
6 supreme at the 2023 Midsouth Association of Independent Schools
7 (MAIS) Class AAAAAA State Football Championship at Mississippi
8 College's Robinson-Hale Stadium when they defeated Jackson Prep
9 21-0 to win their first football state championship in program
10 history; and

11 WHEREAS, the Hartfield football team played a 12-game regular
12 season schedule and two post-season games, and they earned the
13 number one seed for the MAIS playoffs after defeating all their
14 district opponents in the regular season, including Presbyterian
15 Christian School, Madison-Ridgeland Academy, Jackson Prep, Saint
16 Joseph Catholic School and Jackson Academy; and

17 WHEREAS, bursting with wit and athleticism, the Hartfield
18 Academy Hawks Football Team's mental stamina and determination
19 never waivered from the moment they ran onto the field until the



20 last down was played, scoring 598 points through 14 games, while
21 only yielding 184 points to their formidable opponents; and

22 WHEREAS, the Hawks, who were driven by more than just the
23 yearning to succeed, finished their first ever undefeated 14-0
24 season, and they intensely amplified all of their hard work and
25 motivation, which were so apparent throughout the entire season,
26 for the championship game; and

27 WHEREAS, striving all season long to be the best football
28 program in the state, the Hartfield Hawks put aside the
29 excitement, fanfare and attention to focus on the championship
30 game and prepare as they had throughout the season, and they truly
31 embraced their "ALL IN" culture and trust in each other which
32 allowed them to bring the coveted trophy back to the Hartfield
33 Academy trophy case for the first time; and

34 WHEREAS, in addition to winning their first ever state
35 championship and completing their first ever undefeated season,
36 the Hawks achieved several other titles throughout the season,
37 including being named the 2023 Class AAAAAA District Championship;
38 Head Coach Craig Bowman was named Class AAAAAA MAIS Coach of the
39 Year and Mississippi Scoreboard Coach of the Year; Reed
40 Jesiolowski was named Class AAAAAA MAIS Offensive Player of the
41 Year; Chris Jones was named Class AAAAAA MAIS Defensive Player of
42 the Year; and Bralan Womack was named Class AAAAAA MAIS
43 All-Purpose Player of the Year; and



44 WHEREAS, the 2023 Hartfield Academy Hawks Championship
45 Football roster is comprised of the following talented athletes:
46 Kenzy West, Bralan Womack, KD Catchings, Twaskie Jones, Chris
47 Jones, Bralen Steele, Jaxon Jenkins, Cooper Howard, Josh Wooten,
48 Ethan Elliott, Reed Jesiolowski, Cayman Tapper, Conner Elliott,
49 Reginald Vaughn, Hayden McMinn, Dereck Lazo, Ford Ray, Foster
50 Watts, Dylan Harris, LJ Davis, Woods Roberson, Alex Rushing, King
51 Gibbs, Sam Sheffield, Spence Bradshaw, John Davis, Brayden Graham,
52 Stone Stogner, Brodie Hutton, Reid Gaston, Brandon Turner, Cruz
53 Nesbit, Brad Myers, JP Shimfessel, Owen Stroh, Garrett Gilbert,
54 Silas Sorey, Ian Hollingsworth, London Simmons, Jaden Stingley,
55 Jordyn Erves, Cooper Clark, Coleman Williams, Payne Weaver, Colby
56 Kelly, Sam Stumph, Rob Horner, Joseph Adcox, Cole Stumph, Andrew
57 Gonzalez, Antonio Ross, Rory Vaughn, Jeremy Kersh, Skye Dilworth,
58 John Clark, AJ Rushing, Ty Cannon and Justus Wallace; and

59 WHEREAS, Head Coach Craig Bowman has superbly coached and
60 inspired the Hawks and broadened their knowledge of the game while
61 refining their skills in execution, and he continues to build upon
62 the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the
63 tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced
64 in his ability to produce high caliber players and plays and by
65 the team's successful season; and

66 WHEREAS, the team's success would not have been possible
67 without the help of Assistant Coaches Jeff McFerran, Cody Saxton,
68 Shane Schurb, Stuardt Saxton, Pack Toler, Lee Dawkins, Ricky



69 Clark, Darrell Tucker, Ryan Lindsey, Will Davis, Jarrett Myers and
70 Collin Owens; and

71 WHEREAS, trainer, Allie Simpson; student assistant, Noah
72 Lewis; student trainers, Lainey Walker, Aubrey Dew, Carson Smith,
73 Bella Vega, Izzy Roland, Trinity Penton, Reagan Swan, MC Sensing
74 and Maggie Clark; videographer, Ruel Ingram and Hayden Hughes; and
75 ball boys, Ben Bowman, Sam Bowman, Maddox Johnson, Jonas Jenkins
76 and Aven Clark have each helped the Hartfield Hawks achieve their
77 dream of winning a state championship; and

78 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
79 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
80 the Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team, who have brought honor
81 to their school, the City of Flowood and to the State of
82 Mississippi:

83 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
84 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
85 commend and congratulate the Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team
86 and Head Coach Craig Bowman for winning the Midsouth Association
87 of Independent Schools (MAIS) Class AAAAAA State Football
88 Championship and extend best wishes for continued success in all
89 their future endeavors.

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
91 furnished to Head Coach Craig Bowman and to the members of the
92 Capitol Press Corps.

