

By: Representative Varner

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2023-2024  
2 FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL LADY EAGLES SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH BILL  
3 HOOD UPON WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team  
6 finished the 2023-2024 season with their second state title in  
7 three years and seventh overall when they reigned victorious at  
8 the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class  
9 5A Girls Soccer State Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, behind a strong, second-half offensive attack, the  
11 Lady Eagles rallied past Lafayette 3-1 to claim their latest  
12 golden ball trophy on a cold, windy Saturday afternoon at  
13 Germantown's Maverick Stadium; and

14 WHEREAS, similar to the agile, ferocious raptors for which  
15 they are named, the Lady Eagles Soccer Team wielded its  
16 exceptional power and strength to pierce through the state  
17 championship dreams of each of their opponents in the state  
18 playoffs; and



19           WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and  
20 unimagivable amounts of strength, the Lady Eagles Soccer Team  
21 outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered the Lafayette High  
22 School Lady Commodores; and

23           WHEREAS, the championship game was a tale of two halves, as  
24 Lafayette (20-6) struck first in the 29th minute as Lillie Grace  
25 McCutchen's shot just went past the goal line to give the Lady  
26 Commodores a 1-0 lead; and

27           WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles (20-4-1) have several young players  
28 on the team, so they regrouped and refocused during halftime, and  
29 came into the second half like a different team, as they tied the  
30 game at 1-1 five minutes into the second half when Kamryn Frazier  
31 found the net on a rebound off a free kick that went off the top  
32 cross bar; and

33           WHEREAS, five minutes later, Emma Marchant scored a shot that  
34 went into the near corner of the net to give the Lady Eagles a 2-1  
35 lead, and after the game, Marchant was named the game's most  
36 valuable player; and

37           WHEREAS, the score stayed the same until the 74th minute mark  
38 when eighth grader Kadie Carroll stole a pass at the top of the  
39 18-yard box and the shot went just over the Lafayette goalkeeper's  
40 hands and into the back of the net to give Florence a 3-1 lead and  
41 seal the game; and

42           WHEREAS, throughout their season of play, the Florence High  
43 School Girls Soccer Team, who are bursting with wit and



44 athleticism, faced off with some of the state's best contenders on  
45 the pitch, but persevered to make their presence and talent known  
46 as the gladiators and invincible champions of MHSAA girls' soccer;  
47 and

48 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Lady Eagles team statistics were  
49 impressive, and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty  
50 kicks and goals by individual players, but the key to this team's  
51 consistent success has been the constant team atmosphere and  
52 year-round hard work; and

53 WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles have been superbly coached and  
54 inspired by Head Coach Bill Hood, who has broadened the Lady  
55 Eagles' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
56 execution; and

57 WHEREAS, Coach Hood continues to build upon the legacy of  
58 superior play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and  
59 undaunted spirit of each team member, as evidenced in their  
60 ability to produce high caliber players and plays and the team's  
61 successful season; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
63 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi  
64 student-athletes, especially those such as the Florence High  
65 School Lady Eagles Soccer Team, whose excellence on the field and  
66 in the classroom brings honor to their school, their community and  
67 the State of Mississippi:



68           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
70 commend and congratulate the 2023-2024 Florence High School Lady  
71 Eagles Soccer Team and Head Coach Bill Hood upon winning the  
72 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 5A Girls  
73 Soccer State Championship and extend best wishes to the team and  
74 coaches for continued success in all their future athletic and  
75 academic endeavors.

76           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
77 furnished to Head Coach Bill Hood and to the members of the  
78 Capitol Press Corps.

