

By: Representative Oliver

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINONA HIGH
2 SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH JOEY TOMPKINS FOR
3 WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS
4 3A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, THEIR FIRST IN PROGRAM HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, the Winona High School Football Team reigned supreme
6 at the 2023 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)
7 Class 3A State Championship when they defeated Noxubee County High
8 School 34-27 to win their first football state championship in
9 program history; and

10 WHEREAS, bursting with wit and athleticism, the Winona High
11 School Football Team's mental stamina and determination never
12 waivered from the moment they ran onto the field until the last
13 down was played; and

14 WHEREAS, the Tigers, who were driven by more than just the
15 yearning to succeed, finished their undefeated 14-0 season, and
16 then intensely amplified all of their hard work and motivation,
17 which were so apparent throughout the entire season, for the
18 championship game; and



19 WHEREAS, in addition to being named state champions, several
20 individual players won awards, including Chase Richardson, who was
21 named MHSAA 3A Mr. Football; Head Coach Joey Tompkins was named
22 Coach of the Year; Defensive Player of the Year was junior
23 linebacker Tyler Lockhart; First Team Offense included Chase
24 Richardson and T.J. Lockhart; Second Team Offense was Troylando
25 Eden and Kam'Ron Richardson; First Team Defense was Fred Clark and
26 A'jerrian Garrett; and Second Team Defense was Chance Robinson and
27 Tristin Purnell; and

28 WHEREAS, several players were also named to the *Clarion*
29 *Ledger* All State Small Class First Team, including T.J. Lockhart,
30 who was chosen because they helped Winona win its first MHSAA 3A
31 state title, and Tyler Lockhart, who was chosen because he
32 recorded 100 tackles, 11 sacks and 28 tackles for loss, leading
33 Winona on defense and its first MHSAA 3A state title, and Second
34 Team players included wide receiver Troylando Eden and linebacker
35 Fred Clark; and

36 WHEREAS, the Winona High School Tigers Championship Football
37 roster is comprised of the following talented athletes: Zaishun
38 Nash, Kam'Ron Robinson, Danarius Robinson, Chase Richardson,
39 Jemarius Sanders, Eric Boone, Javien Jackson, Fred Clark, Chance
40 Richardson, Kylan Stinson, Tristin Purnell, Tristan Richardson,
41 Jayden Washington, Tommarion Brown, Landon Crawford, Troylando
42 Eden, A'jerrian Garrett, Tyler Lockhart, Antrion Kinnel, Kentrell
43 Crawford, Aubrey Bailey, Elijah McCaskill, Jordan Richardson,



44 Cuvari Davis, Connor Helms, Yoshawn Hudson, D.J. Johnson,
45 Quantavis Small, Miles Bailey, Latavis Small, DC Campbell, Ethan
46 Miller, D.J. Forrest, Jalon Oliver, Jakorrius Harvey, Jaylen
47 Hardimon, Navarius Davis, Hammond Ausitn, Walynn Varnes, Mark
48 Tyler, Dejuan McChristian, Deteppion Mallett, Zaire Amos, Javion
49 Young, Jaedyn Acquah, Joe Reed Tompkins, Ja'Shawn Campbell,
50 Omarion Eskridge, Tyson Butts, Neal Roberts, Ethan Green, Brent
51 Herbert, Antonio Young, Ty'marion Kilpatrick, Ethan Bailey, Aidan
52 Chapman, Reginald Campbell, Ariq Gross, Quincy Burt, Fredrick
53 Woods, James Campbell, Bryce Tate, T.K. Small, Kolin Phillips,
54 T.J. Lockhart, Wheeler Chandler, Quan Bland, Alston Crouch and
55 Jakorian Eskridge; and

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

63 WHEREAS, the team's success would not have been possible
64 without the help of Offensive Coordinator Philip Jordan, Defensive
65 Coordinator Ben Burton, Assistant Coaches Atavis Campbell, Adam
66 Bobo, Dane Milling, Steven Helms and Jacob Dickson, Statistician
67 Andy Bridges, and Athletic Director Veronica Helms; and



68 WHEREAS, Managers Julien Duren, Skylar Glenn, Jayvien
69 Flowers, Demarion Hudson, Mario Townsend, Deuce Campbell,
70 Willie Johnson, Ayden Johnson, Tee Eden and Alejandro White have
71 each helped the Winona Tigers achieve their dream of winning a
72 state championship; and

73 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
74 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
75 the Winona High School Tigers Football Team, who have brought
76 honor to their school, the City of Winona and to the State of
77 Mississippi:

78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
79 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
80 commend and congratulate the Winona High School Tigers Football
81 Team and Head Coach Joey Tompkins for winning the Mississippi High
82 School Activities Association Class 3A State Football
83 Championship, their first in program history, and extend best
84 wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to Head Coach Joey Tompkins and to the members of the
87 Capitol Press Corps.

