

By: Representative Harness

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JEFFERSON  
2 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH RODERICK  
3 HOLMES FOR COMPLETING AN OUTSTANDING NINE-WIN SEASON AND CAPTURING  
4 THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION REGION 7 CLASS  
5 3A DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Jefferson County High School Tigers Football  
7 Team persevered through a remarkably ferocious season, and with  
8 motivation and audacity, they successfully finished the 2023-2024  
9 season with a historic season that finished 9-4 and won the  
10 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Region 7  
11 Class 3A District Championship; and

12 WHEREAS, the Jefferson County High School Tigers Football  
13 Team achieved excellence on November 24, 2023, when they hosted  
14 the first ever Mississippi High School Activities Association  
15 Class 3A South State Championship at Tiger Den Stadium in Fayette,  
16 Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, in a season that will be remembered as one of the  
18 most exciting seasons in recent years, the Jefferson County High  
19 School Tigers cemented the team's place in the football history



20 books with the most wins in a season with nine, the most points  
21 scored in a game at 83, the most points scored in a season at 457,  
22 most points both teams in a game at 113, and back-to-back MHSAA  
23 Region 7 Class 3A District Championships; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout their season of play, the Tigers faced  
25 off with some of the state's best contenders on the gridiron but  
26 persevered to make their presence and talent known as gladiators  
27 of football under the Friday night lights; and

28 WHEREAS, the Tigers were led by quarterback Jabari Watson,  
29 athlete Royale Shelvy, linebacker Jamarion Claiborne, linebacker  
30 Jermall Williams, and defensive back De'Anthony Miller; and

31 WHEREAS, the Tigers' offense would have been grounded without  
32 the speed and agility of the wide receivers; the running backs,  
33 who left it all on the field to dominate their hostile foes; the  
34 offensive linemen that held off each rival's defense with their  
35 potency and concentration and allowed the Tigers to set new school  
36 records in scoring; the tight ends, whose versatility made the  
37 nine victories possible; the fullbacks, constantly playing with  
38 clear eyes, full hearts, and unimaginable amounts of strength; and  
39 the quarterback, who handled the ball with accuracy, consistency  
40 and vivacity; and

41 WHEREAS, the Tigers were unparalleled on defense, which was  
42 commanded by the fierce and powerful defensive backs, the  
43 linebackers, overflowing with strength and tenacity, the defensive  
44 linemen, whose grind, fortitude and determination erected a stone



45 wall that helped secure each of Jefferson County's nine victories,  
46 the defensive ends, whose tackles and sacks were fierce and will  
47 not soon be forgotten by the opponents they met, and the safeties  
48 and cornerbacks, while bursting with wit and athleticism, duped  
49 more than one quarterback this season and defended long passes  
50 with ease; and

51 WHEREAS, the kickers and long snappers and others on special  
52 teams were a huge asset to the Tigers' excellent season, as they  
53 brought more than one game out of the clutches of defeat and into  
54 the hands of victory; and

55 WHEREAS, the Jefferson County High School Football Team has  
56 been superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Roderick Holmes,  
57 who has broadened the Tigers' knowledge of the game and refined  
58 their skills in execution; and

59 WHEREAS, the team's success would not have been possible  
60 without the talented coaching staff, including Kiwaski Tenner,  
61 Bouvier Ellis, Zackery Berry, Stacey Murphy, Joshua Lutch, Anthony  
62 Williams and Rah'Kendrick Reynolds as well as the administrative  
63 personnel, including Dr. Larondrial Barnes, Kimberly Walker-King  
64 and Marcus Walton; and

65 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
66 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as  
67 the Jefferson County High School Tigers Football Team who have  
68 brought honor to their school, their community, and to the State  
69 of Mississippi:



70           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
72 commend and congratulate the Jefferson County High School Tigers  
73 Football Team and Head Coach Roderick Holmes for completing an  
74 outstanding nine-win season and capturing the Mississippi High  
75 School Activities Association Region 7 Class 3A District  
76 Championship, and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for  
77 continued success in all their future endeavors.

78           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
79 furnished to Head Coach Roderick Holmes and to the members of the  
80 Capitol Press Corps.

