

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.

