

By: Representatives Scoggin, Blackwell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE WEST JONES HIGH  
2 SCHOOL MUSTANGS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS MANY OUTSTANDING  
3 ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 2023 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
4 ASSOCIATION SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team  
6 reigned supreme and emerged undefeated during the 2023 Mississippi  
7 High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) season, a truly  
8 extraordinary achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, the Mustangs, who were driven by more than just the  
10 yearning to succeed, finished their undefeated 14-0 season, and  
11 then intensely amplified all of their hard work and motivation,  
12 which were so apparent throughout the entire season, for the MHSAA  
13 Class 6A State Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, during the championship, the team's mental stamina  
15 and determination never waivered from the moment they ran onto the  
16 field until the last down was played, defeating Grenada High  
17 School with a 23-3 victory and claiming the MHSAA Class 6A state  
18 title; and



19 WHEREAS, during the team's first undefeated season in school  
20 history, and its thirteenth season winning ten or more games, the  
21 Mustangs won the 2023 South State Championship by defeating  
22 Picayune 42-13, and won the 2023 Region 3-64 Championship, the  
23 team's twelfth region championship in school history; and

24 WHEREAS, additionally, as the #1 ranked Defense in  
25 Mississippi, during the 2023 season, the Mustangs only gave up a  
26 school record of 79 total points; gave up only seven points in  
27 Region play; posted seven shut-outs; allowed seven or less points  
28 in eleven games; allowed only seven touchdowns all season; scored  
29 35 or more points nine times; and the team's offense scored 472  
30 points, the third most points in school history; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to being named state champions, seven  
32 players were selected to the All-State Team, and 18 players were  
33 selected to the All-Region Team; and

34 WHEREAS, Head Coach Cory D. Reynolds has superbly coached and  
35 inspired the Mustangs and broadened their knowledge of the game  
36 while refining their skills in execution, and he continues to  
37 build upon the legacy of superior play and true sportsmanship  
38 forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each team member,  
39 as evidenced in his ability to produce high caliber players and  
40 plays and by the team's successful season; and

41 WHEREAS, the team's success would not have been possible  
42 without the help of assistant coaches: Cecil Hicks, Adam  
43 Thompson, Koby Easterling, David Parker, Cody Windham, Dennis



44 Crosby, Sam Boover and J.P. Varnell; athletic trainers: Natasha  
45 Hayes and Joel Pierce; and the leadership of Superintendent Dr.  
46 B.R. Jones; Assistant Superintendents: Larry Johnson and Will  
47 Parker; Supervising Principal Cooper Pope; Assistant Principals:  
48 Kacey Chandler, Jeremiah Keyes and David Valentine; and Assistant  
49 A.D. Lyndie Lyon; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
51 recognize and honor the achievements of exceptional  
52 student-athletes such as the West Jones High School Mustangs  
53 Football Team, who have brought honor to their school, their  
54 community and to the State of Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
57 commend and congratulate the West Jones High School Mustangs  
58 Football Team and Head Coach Cory D. Reynolds for winning the  
59 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 6A State  
60 Football Championship, and extend best wishes for continued  
61 success in all their future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to West Jones High School Football Team, Head Coach Cory  
64 D. Reynolds and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

