

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.

