

By: Representatives Scoggin, Blackwell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WEST JONES HIGH SCHOOL SEASTANGS
2 GIRLS SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING ITS FIRST MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
3 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR
4 AN OVERALL OUTSTANDING SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team
6 reigned victorious at the Mississippi High School Activities
7 Association Class 2A State Championship, winning their first state
8 title; and

9 WHEREAS, the outstanding state champion Seastangs began the
10 championship meet where they ended the 2023 Pine Belt Conference
11 Championship and the Girl's South State Championship tournaments,
12 on top of the podium, with a three-year undefeated Pine Belt
13 Conference winning streaks since its founding in 2021, and the
14 team's third South State title in school history; and

15 WHEREAS, the swim program was established in 1995 with only
16 four swimmers by Meg Moore, who grew the team to an average of 30
17 swimmers during the course of her 18 years as head coach before
18 passing the baton to Lyndie Lyon who has continued the legacy of
19 greatness established by her predecessor; and



20 WHEREAS, with extraordinary aquatic acumen, tremendous
21 dedication and fortitude, the Seastangs invested countless hours
22 of consistent training throughout the season and strived to win
23 with unparalleled motivation and determination during the
24 championship meet, and their mental stamina and athletic prowess
25 never wavered from the moment they dove in until the end of the
26 meet signaled their victory, which also resulted in nine
27 individual event state medalists; and

28 WHEREAS, the team had an overall outstanding season, and the
29 key to their success was the tremendous team spirit and
30 exceptional perseverance, which spawned a rapid succession of
31 amphibious attacks at each swim meet; and

32 WHEREAS, the Seastangs were exceptionally coached and
33 tremendously inspired by Coach Lyon, who has grown the team to an
34 average of 40 swimmers and broadened the team's knowledge of the
35 sport and refined their skills in execution, which has manifested
36 in the team's top 10 finishes in the past eight years, as well as
37 2023-2024 Swim Coach of the Year accolades from the Mississippi
38 Association of Coaches; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 commend outstanding student-athletes, especially those such as the
41 West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team, whose agility
42 and speed in the swimming pool brings honor to their school, their
43 community and to the State of Mississippi:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend the West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team for
47 winning its first Mississippi High School Activities Association
48 (MHSAA) Class 2A State Championship and for an overall outstanding
49 season, and extend to the team best wishes for success in all
50 their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to West Jones High School, Coach Lydie Lyon and to the
53 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

