

By: Representative Yates

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2023 JACKSON
2 ACADEMY LADY RAIDERS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH PHILLIP BUFFINGTON
3 UPON WINNING THE MIDSOUTH ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLASS
4 6A SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team
6 finished the 2023 season with their second state title in three
7 years and sixth overall when they reigned victorious at the
8 Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Class 6A Soccer
9 State Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lady Raiders Soccer Team's overall record was
11 13-6 with a conference record of 7-3, and they finished the season
12 by winning seven straight games; and

13 WHEREAS, playing with clear eyes, full hearts and
14 unimaginable amounts of strength, the Lady Raiders Soccer Team
15 outlasted, outplayed and ultimately overpowered their rival,
16 Jackson Prep, with a 2-1 victory that brought the trophy back to
17 Jackson Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout their season of play, the Jackson Academy
19 Girls Soccer Team, who are bursting with wit and athleticism,



20 faced off with some of the state's best contenders on the pitch,
21 but persevered to make their presence and talent known as the
22 gladiators and invincible champions of MAIS girls' soccer; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2023 Lady Raiders team statistics were
24 impressive, and there were outstanding headers, strikes, penalty
25 kicks and goals by individual players, but the key to this team's
26 consistent success has been the constant team atmosphere and
27 year-round hard work; and

28 WHEREAS, the Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team is
29 comprised of the following athletes: Kate Boyll, Anderson
30 Ueltschey, Madi Brewer, Caroline Wier, Mylee Maurer, Leta Decker,
31 Anna Adkins, Avery Kobs, Ella King, DeDe Miller, Harper Griffin,
32 Izzy Scott, Natalie Roberson, Olivia Salvo, Avery Pickering, Logan
33 Burger, Harkins Simpson, Emae Hosey, Mary Madison New, Aubrey
34 Edmonson, Caroline Quin, Ava Antonaros, Natalie Reedy, Ebbie
35 Barbour, Rosemary Adams, Dallys Alexander, Gracelyn Carmichael and
36 Isabel Russell, and team captains were Avery Kobs and Anna Adkins;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the Lady Raiders have been superbly coached and
39 inspired by Head Coach Phillip Buffington and Assistant Coach
40 Brandon Richardson, who have broadened the Lady Raiders' knowledge
41 of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

42 WHEREAS, Coach Buffington and Assistant Coach Richardson
43 continue to build upon the legacy of superior play and true
44 sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of each



45 team member, as evidenced in their ability to produce high caliber
46 players and plays and the team's successful season; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi
49 student-athletes, especially those such as the Jackson Academy
50 Lady Raiders Soccer Team, whose excellence on the field brings
51 honor to their school, their community and the State of
52 Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 commend and congratulate the 2023 Jackson Academy Lady Raiders
56 Soccer Team and Head Coach Phillip Buffington upon winning the
57 Midsouth Association of Independent Schools Class 6A Soccer State
58 Championship and extend best wishes to the team and coaches for
59 continued success in all their future athletic and academic
60 endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Head Coach Phillip Buffington, Assistant Coach
63 Brandon Richardson, Jackson Academy Athletic Director Brandt
64 Walker and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

