

By: Representatives Hawkins, Deweese

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 154

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL  
2 COMMODORES TENNIS TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024 MISSISSIPPI HIGH  
3 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team  
5 reigned supreme against Stone County at the 2024 Mississippi High  
6 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 5A Tennis State  
7 Championship, the team's fourth consecutive state title; and

8 WHEREAS, striving to win with unparalleled motivation and  
9 ardent determination, the Commodores' mental stamina and athletic  
10 prowess never wavered from the moment they entered the court until  
11 they claimed their well deserved championship title with a 4-3  
12 win; and

13 WHEREAS, the team's statistics were impressive during its  
14 season, but the key to the Commodores' consistent success has been  
15 the tremendous dedication and year-round hard work by the team's  
16 talented players; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2024 Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis  
18 Team is comprised of the following distinguished student-athletes:



19 Peyton Allen, Caroline Butts, Ethan Byrd, Chloe Childress, Stanley  
20 George, DJ Hayes, Cate Hughes, Reed Jordan, Alexandra Lampton,  
21 Jenna Kate Lampton, Jake Leary, Porter Lindsey, Parker Martin,  
22 Sarah Puckett, Finley Rico, Amelia Roeder, Lila Sealy, Tryston  
23 Schweigart, Cohen Scruggs, Bentli Spicer, Tate Spicer, Annelysse  
24 Smith, Owens Smith, Bailey Tatum, Presley Thomas, Anthony Vazquez,  
25 Luke Westmoreland, Alex Wilkinson and Finley Wright; and

26 WHEREAS, in addition to being included on this illustrious  
27 tennis team, Alexandra Lampton has also won back-to-back Class 5A  
28 Girls Singles at the MHSAA State Tennis Championships, a truly  
29 outstanding accomplishment; and

30 WHEREAS, the Commodores have been superbly coached and  
31 inspired by Head Coach Debbie Swindoll, and Assistant Coaches  
32 Ryan Mounce, Ashley Holcomb and Caitlin Thomas, who have broadened  
33 the team's knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
34 execution; and

35 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Commodores have  
36 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of  
37 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great  
38 credit upon the individual players, Coach Swindoll, and the  
39 assistant coaches; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
41 recognize exceptional Mississippi student-athletes, especially  
42 those such as the Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team,



43 whose hard work, dedication, and excellence on the field brings  
44 honor to Lafayette High School and the State of Mississippi:

45       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 commend and congratulate the Lafayette High School Commodores  
48 Tennis Team and Head Coach Debbie Swindoll upon winning the 2024  
49 MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship, and extend best wishes  
50 to the Commodores for continued success in all their future  
51 athletic and academic endeavors.

52       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Head Coach Debbie Swindoll, on behalf of the  
54 Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team, and to the members  
55 of the Capitol Press Corps.

