

By: Senator(s) Parks, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BIGGERSVILLE
2 HIGH SCHOOL "LIONS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CASE INGRAM FOR
3 WINNING ITS FIRST MHSAA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH SECONDS
4 REMAINING.

5 WHEREAS, on November 30, 2023, Biggersville was down in the
6 MHSAA Class 1A State Championship, but they were not out.
7 Trailing by nine points with five minutes to go, the "Lions"
8 scored touchdowns on back-to-back possessions to stun previously
9 unbeaten Velma Jackson 53-49 and clinch the 2023 MHSAA State
10 Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, after trimming the Velma Jackson (13-1) lead to
12 49-47, Biggersville (12-1) got a defensive stop and great field
13 position following a muffled snap on the "Falcons'" punt attempt.
14 It took five plays, but quarterback Drew Rousey led the "Lions" to
15 the goal line and found senior Tre Gunn on an option pitch for a
16 two-yard touchdown in the final seconds to bring Biggersville its
17 first Class 1A State Title; and

18 WHEREAS, there is something special about growing up in a
19 small town like Biggersville. The traditions. The bond. The



20 community. And, if you are luck, you might mix in a pretty amazing
21 high school football team like the "Lions"; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2023 Biggersville "Lions" Championship Roster:
23 Tre Gunn, Jathan Hatch, Cooper Feazell, Zialis Blackmon, Brooks
24 Seago, Case Hilliard, Dillon Johnson, Austin Mays, Drew Rowsey,
25 Eli Nguyen, Will Davis, Jayce Taylor, Logan Ellsworth, Ty Dildy,
26 Tatum Mays, Chris Swinney, Hayden Samples, Matthew Haynie,
27 Kirkland Moore, Brenlen Blackmon, Brandon Proctor, Jacob Sanders,
28 Anthony Johnson, Brock Utley, Michael Hughes, Adel Bader, Chris
29 Brown, Dalton Rogers, Logan Doss, Aidan Woodruff, Bryson Mitchell,
30 Adavion Stewart, Cooper Moore, Kenny Pharis, Tate Smith, Oliver
31 Eaton, Jay Prather, Hunter Turner, Chandler Crum, Head Coach Case
32 Ingram, Assistant Coaches Goldman Butler and Tracy Stafford; and

33 WHEREAS, Jathan Hatch, a 6-foot-2 safety, is the No. 30
34 player in the state in the Class of 2024. He is a three-star
35 prospect and committed to Louisville; and

36 WHEREAS, small towns across America produce some of the best
37 high school football being played anywhere, regardless of
38 population size, and it is with great pride that we recognize this
39 group of student athletes who have brought honor to their school,
40 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
43 Biggersville High School "Lions" Football Team and Head Coach Case
44 Ingram for winning its first MHSAA Class 1A State Championship



45 with seconds remaining and extend the best wishes of the
46 Legislature to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for future
47 success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Coach Ingram, Biggersville Principal Sam Roberts, forwarded to the
50 Alcorn County Board of Education and made available to the Capitol
51 Press Corps.

