

By: Senator(s) Thompson, Ladner, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WEST HARRISON  
2 HIGH SCHOOL "HURRICANE" CHEER TEAM AND HEAD COACH HEATHER SERPAS  
3 FOR WINNING THEIR THIRD UNIVERSAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION (UCA)  
4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOURTH STATE TITLE IN THE LAST FIVE  
5 YEARS.

6 WHEREAS, over the past five years, West Harrison Cheer has  
7 become a dominant program in the State of Mississippi, racking up  
8 numerous accolades with a most recent National and State  
9 Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, on Friday, February 16, 2024, the West Harrison  
11 "Hurricane" Cheer Team performed the winning routine in front of  
12 their classmates, then the Cheer Team took home the top spot in  
13 the National Championship in Orlando, Florida; and

14 WHEREAS, the West Harrison "Hurricane" Cheer Team has ranked  
15 in the top three of the National Championships in all five  
16 competitions they have performed in; and

17 WHEREAS, West Harrison Cheer won its fourth State Title in  
18 the last five years in December at the State Cheer Competitions.  
19 The "Hurricane" Cheer Squad is now back-to-back Champions in the



20 6A Game-Day Cheer category. The program, in its sixth year under  
21 Head Coach Heather Serpas, has risen to a premiere program, not  
22 only in the state, but nationally. Head Coach Serpas and  
23 Assistant Head Coach Hannah Jones say they are thankful for the  
24 hard work their team has put in over the last few months, but also  
25 have their eyes on winning nationals yet again. The West Harrison  
26 Cheer Squad placed in the regional competition to send them to the  
27 National Championship at Disney World beginning in February 2024;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, "Nationals we are pretty much going to be practicing  
30 every day. Three hours a day. Our practices are pretty  
31 hardcore," said Daisy Parker, the senior Cheer Captain. "So that  
32 energy has to stay for three straight hours which is what it takes  
33 to just have the good practices, and good practices are what it is  
34 going to take to win Nationals"; and

35 WHEREAS, the UCA National High School Cheerleading  
36 Championships (NHSCC) returned to Walt Disney World Resort in  
37 Orlando, Florida, this season to provide an exciting conclusion to  
38 the cheer season. This year's event featured more than 1,000  
39 teams from across the country; and

40 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 West Harrison High School "Hurricane"  
41 Cheer Team roster is : 9th Grade: Hadlee Weinberg, Jada  
42 Whitehead and Molly Parker; 10th Grade: Abigail Pretti, Lauren  
43 Butler, Mady Gauthier, Eddie Hartwell, Noah Cain and Parker  
44 Jackson; 11th Grade: Ceana Lacy, Chandler McCain, Jenna Pierson,



45 Josie Comardelle, Marley Freeman, Myleigh Thompson, Raegan Brooks,  
46 Abram Parker, Joshua Lane and Logan Smith; 12th Grade: Andrea  
47 Moreno, Daisy Parker, Jaclyn Powers, Mialani Garcia, Caleb Phelps  
48 and Matthew Jordan; and Head Coach Heather Serpas and Assistant  
49 Head Coach Hannah Jones; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
51 of talented student athletes who have brought honor to their  
52 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the West  
55 Harrison High School "Hurricane" Cheer Team and Head Coach Heather  
56 Serpas for winning their third Universal Cheerleaders Association  
57 (UCA) National Championship and fourth State Title in the last  
58 five years, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors  
59 our best wishes for continued success.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 Head Coach Heather Serpas and West Harrison Principal Michael  
62 Weaver for the team, forwarded to the Harrison County Board of  
63 Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

