

By: Senator(s) Harkins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HARTFIELD
2 ACADEMY "LADY HAWKS" VARSITY CHEER TEAM AND COACH JODI GENTRY FOR
3 WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AT THE 2023 MAIS SPIRIT
4 COMPETITION.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty, parents and
6 administration at Hartfield Academy in Flowood, Mississippi, in
7 recognizing their 2023 MAIS State Championship in Spirit
8 Competition; and

9 WHEREAS, Hartfield Academy's "Lady Hawks" Varsity Cheer Team
10 won the State Championship at the 2023 MAIS Spirit Competition;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Varsity Cheer Team won First Place in Medium
13 Varsity Tumbling Champions and Medium Varsity Gameday Runner-Up
14 (by 1/10th of a point); and

15 WHEREAS, the Varsity Cheer Team is coached by Jodi Gentry.
16 Here is what she had to say about the special day: "Competition
17 day was amazing! I loved walking out on the floor and looking up
18 to see our amazing school covered in gold cheering us on and then
19 watching my team shine on that mat! We all knew it was our best



20 performance, and we all jumped up and down and hugged each other.
21 It was surreal! Hearing Hartfield Varsity Cheer called out as
22 State Champions for the first time in my career here was
23 unbelievable! Blood, sweat, tears, 6 a.m.'s and many hours of
24 dedication to this sport and school had paid off, and I cried
25 tears of joy." Coach Gentry went on to give a special shoutout to
26 her seniors. "I am so thankful for this team and especially my
27 seniors! They led our team so well and had a desire to win like
28 nothing I have ever seen. I am so proud of them and happy they
29 get to go out on top. They helped change Hartfield Varsity Cheer
30 forever"; and

31 WHEREAS, the Hartfield Academy's "Lady Hawks" Varsity Cheer
32 Championship Team Roster: Jane Adair Houston, Addison Ausborn,
33 Ally Claire Morrison, Aniston Thompson, Lila Wartes, Abby Bishop,
34 Delena Estel, Brelynn Wright, Sarah Grace Nail, Gracie Utroska,
35 Roo Roberts, Addison Rhodes, Jensen Makamson, Mari Blake Gentry,
36 Acey Wartes, Marilyn Myers, Abby Hall, Preslie Shelton and Aleigh
37 Newman; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
39 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
40 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 Hartfield Academy "Lady Hawks" Varsity Cheer Team and Coach Jodi
44 Gentry for winning the State Championship Title at the 2023 MAIS



45 Spirit Competition, and extend to the Cheer Team, coaches, parents
46 and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Coach Jodi Gentry and Hartfield Academy Principal Jim Delaughter,
49 forwarded to the Board of Trustees of Hartfield Academy, and made
50 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

