

By: Senator(s) Harkins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST
2 RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS "LADY COUGARS" SOCCER TEAM AND COACH
3 CARLI LITTLE FOR WINNING THE 2024 MHSAA CLASS 7A SOCCER
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" are back on top
6 of the Mississippi soccer world. It took some late game-heroics
7 from senior Allie Sifford and junior Kate Gray Nesbit, but on
8 February 18, 2024, the Northwest Rankin High School "Lady Cougars"
9 held on for a 2-1 win over the defending champion Clinton "Arrows"
10 to clinch the 2024 MHSAA 7A Soccer Title; and

11 WHEREAS, after a scoreless first half, Allie Sifford broke
12 the 0-0 tie with a goal from 18 yards out in the 65th minute.
13 Tyler Grace Sims launched a perfect lob pass, and Sifford touched
14 it once with her left foot past a diving Clinton keeper. The
15 second goal came just five minutes later. Sidney Clare Sing raced
16 down the home sideline and sent a beautiful pass into the middle,
17 just quick enough for Nesbit to squeeze off a shot between two
18 Clinton defenders; and



19 WHEREAS, that goal sent the Northwest Rankin sideline into
20 pandemonium with just 10 minutes left on the clock. The
21 celebration was short-lived, however, as Clinton's Isabella Jones
22 scorched home a goal moments later to trim the Northwest Rankin
23 lead to 2-1. But the "Lady Cougars" (25-1-1) held on from there,
24 and ended the night hoisting a golden ball trophy for the second
25 time in three years; and

26 WHEREAS, "This one is right up there (with our other
27 championships)," Northwest Rankin Coach Carli Little said. "We
28 had a lot of adversity, a lot of major injuries, so it's special.
29 This team has really come together. They are such a family, and
30 it just means more when you are playing for your sisters out
31 there."; and

32 WHEREAS, Allie Sifford earned MVP honors. She was one of
33 five seniors who helped the "Cougars" win a championship two years
34 ago and finished their high school career with a second victory;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, the Northwest Rankin Girls Soccer Roster 2024 Class
37 7A Championship Roster; Allie Sifford, Aly Vancor, Kaylee Ott,
38 Cameron Sistrunk, Savannah Jordan, Ashlyn Dodd, Tyler Grace Sims,
39 Grace Harmon, Jayden Newman, Emery Norsworthy, Myla Thortis, Sarah
40 Kate Foreman, Kate Gray Nesbit, Sidney Clare Sing, Carson Webb,
41 Izzy Smith, Kinsey Horton, Emily Dixon, Crissi Tenner, Chloe
42 Horton, Parker Morris, Delilah Roberts, Anna Claire Sherman, Ava
43 Rogers, Zoey Brown, Madeleine Martinez, Katie Hennington, Marley



44 Oubre, Sybil Glover, Hadlee Mooney, Kalyn Oubre, Keelan Boston,
45 Amiyah Barnes, Rylee Shaw, Emma Alexander, Zoe Cross, McKinley
46 Drennan, Presley Rainer, Cailey Smith, Aubrey Harmon, Allie
47 Carpenter, AP Smith, Lillian Harley, Caitlin Massey, Peyton Smith,
48 Bella Hogan, Katie Sasser, Madilyn Holley and Coach Carli Little;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
51 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
52 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
55 Northwest Rankin High School Girls "Lady Cougars" Soccer Team and
56 Coach Carli Little for winning the 2024 MHSAA Class 7A Soccer
57 Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, parents, faculty
58 and sponsors our best wishes for continued success.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Coach Carli Little and Northwest Rankin Principal Lewis Bradford
61 for the team, forwarded to the Rankin County Board of Education
62 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

