

By: Senator(s) Whaley, Blackwell, Parker,  
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST  
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE DANCE TEAM AND COACH PATRICE  
3 CHRISTIAN FOR WINNING THE 2024 OPEN HIP-HOP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance  
5 Team won the Gold Medal in the Open Hip-Hop Finals at the UCA/UDA  
6 College Nationals on January 12-14, 2024, marking the program's  
7 first-ever National Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, competing at nationals for just the second time  
9 ever, Head Coach Patrice Christian's Northwest Dance Team advanced  
10 to the finals in every division they competed in throughout the  
11 weekend, and in the Open Hip-Hop category, Northwest avenged last  
12 year's second-place finish by earning first in both the semifinals  
13 and finals, as the "Rangers" topped the semifinals with a raw  
14 score of 92.3833 and an event score of 87.9841, beating out 15  
15 other programs; and

16 WHEREAS, in the finals, Northwest posted a raw score of 92.65  
17 and an event score of 88.2381, far ahead of runners-up West



18 Chester University (85 score) and Wisconsin-Eau Claire (81.0159  
19 score); and

20 WHEREAS, during the championship series, the "Rangers" also  
21 brought home the Bronze in the Open Game Day Division, and after  
22 competing in the semifinals against 15 teams, Northwest earned  
23 fifth place with an 84.45 score, before rising to third in the  
24 finals with a result of 86.7; and

25 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Patrice  
26 Christian, the "Rangers" did an exceptional job of working  
27 together for this highly pursued goal; and

28 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance  
29 Team is comprised of the following talented athletes: Makenzie  
30 Sandridge, Meredith Powell, Ashtyn Farris, Emma Bichon, Taylor  
31 Threatt, Mark Holmes, Amari Dawkins, Kamarion Hooks, Lauren Deep,  
32 Khavion Jones, Tatiana Birr, Katie Brewer, Blessyn Davis, Kenya  
33 Kizart, Halle Holman, Nataliah Robinson, Brianna Davis, Amarion  
34 Hooks and Jeffrey Jones; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend  
36 outstanding student-athletes whose championship brought honor to  
37 their school and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
40 Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team and Coach  
41 Patrice Christian for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National



42 Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success in all  
43 their future athletic and academic endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
45 Coach Patrice Christian, the President of Northwest Mississippi  
46 College, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

