

By: Representative Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE RANGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND
3 HEAD COACH BENJY PARKER ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON AND
4 VICTORY IN THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
5 CONFERENCE (MACCC) CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers
7 Football Team, a powerhouse program under the phenomenal
8 leadership of Head Coach Benjy Parker, repeated history yet again
9 in 2024 with its continued demonstration of exceptional skill,
10 teamwork and determination throughout their incredible season; and

11 WHEREAS, the Rangers finished the season with an impressive
12 10-2 overall record, securing their 12th Mississippi Association
13 of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC) championship title and
14 the team's third championship in the past five years; and

15 WHEREAS, Northwest earned the No. 4 spot in the final
16 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I
17 Football Poll, marking the ninth time in the last 10 seasons that
18 the Rangers have finished with a national ranking; and



19 WHEREAS, the Rangers earned a bid to the NJCAA Division I
20 Football Playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons,
21 showcasing the team's continued excellence on a national level;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the team's success was powered by standout
24 performances, including sophomore running back D'mariun Perteet,
25 who set a new program single season rushing record with 257
26 attempts and 1,360 yards and earned MACCC North Division Player of
27 the Year, NJCAA Offensive Player of the Week, and All-NJCAA Region
28 23 Player of the Year honors; and

29 WHEREAS, quarterback Zach Wilcke delivered consistent
30 leadership and improvement throughout the season, passing for
31 2,051 yards and 15 touchdowns, including a career-high 287 yards
32 in the MACCC semifinal victory; and

33 WHEREAS, the Rangers's defense was anchored by outstanding
34 players such as Fredd Adams, who recorded eight interceptions and
35 earned First Team All-MACCC North Division and All-NJCAA Region 23
36 honors, and defensive linemen Jaylon Johnson and D.J. Burgess, who
37 combined for key tackles, sacks and quarterback pressures; and

38 WHEREAS, Head Coach Benjy Parker was named MACCC North
39 Division Coach of the Year and All-NJCAA Region 23 Coach of the
40 Year, further solidifying his place as one of the most successful
41 coaches in Northwest history with a career record of 75-21; and

42 WHEREAS, the coaching staff, including Offensive Coordinator
43 Stan Hill, Defensive Coordinator Paige Anders, Wide Receivers



Coach Scott Oakley, Offensive Line Coach Jim Jones, Defensive Backs Coach Charles Jones, and Strength and Conditioning Coach Randal Pharr, played an integral role in developing the team's strategy and fostering the players' growth and success; and

WHEREAS, the academic advisor, Tori Fugatt, has helped the Northwest football program continue to be an academic stronghold with recent recognitions by the NJCAA for the highest GPA in the country and leading the state for many years in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest football program continues to be a source of pride for the college, its alumni, and the entire State of Mississippi, representing the values of dedication, sportsmanship and excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers Football Team, who have brought honor to their college, community and the entire State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers Football Team and Head Coach Benjy Parker for their outstanding performance during the 2024 season, including their MACCC Championship victory, and extend sincere wishes to the team members and coaches for continued success in all their future endeavors.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
70 furnished to the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers
71 Football Team Head Coach Benjy Parker and to the members of the
72 Capitol Press Corps.

