

By: Representative Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2024-2025 NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
3 TEAM ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's
5 Soccer Team has consistently exemplified excellence, leadership,
6 and sportsmanship on and off the field; and

7 WHEREAS, the team's unparalleled skill, endurance, and
8 teamwork throughout the 2024 season culminated in a 6-0 victory
9 against Copiah-Lincoln, which secured the Mississippi Association
10 of Community and Junior Colleges (MACCC) Championship, marking
11 their second consecutive conference title and earning the National
12 Community and Junior College Athletic Association (NCJAA) Region
13 23 Tournament Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, the dominant performance by the Lady Rangers this
15 season, which included an undefeated conference record of 11-0 and
16 an overall record of 22-0, underscores their remarkable
17 consistency and commitment to achieving success in collegiate
18 soccer; and



19 WHEREAS, this incredible achievement secures the legacy of
20 the Lady Rangers as the first NJCAA Division II program to win a
21 national title and finish the season without a loss since Phoenix
22 College accomplished the feat in 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, the Lady Rangers have reached exceptional heights
24 under the expert guidance of Head Coach James Beattie, who
25 recently became the program's all-time winningest coach with his
26 70th career victory (79-13-4), surpassing the career record of
27 former coach Peter Jarjoura and setting a new standard for the
28 program; and

29 WHEREAS, the Lady Rangers have produced extraordinary
30 individual performances, with players such as Emma Jensen, who
31 scored 22 goals in the season, Allie Reed Greer, Molly Thompson,
32 and Caroline Hamm lending their unique abilities to this
33 flawlessly unified team and contributing significantly to the
34 team's overall success through their exceptional athleticism and
35 leadership on the field; and

36 WHEREAS, the team's offensive prowess and defensive strength
37 were on full display throughout the season, illustrated by their
38 eight shutout victories and a particularly impressive 9-1 win at
39 East Mississippi, the game that cemented their place at the top of
40 the conference standings and further demonstrated the
41 effectiveness of their strategic play and teamwork; and

42 WHEREAS, the Lady Rangers achieved the first No. 1 ranking in
43 the NJCAA Preseason Poll in program history, doing so without a



44 single loss, which further speaks to their reputation as one of
45 the premier teams in the country and reflects the hard work,
46 dedication, and determination of every player and coach associated
47 with the program; and

48 WHEREAS, the Lady Rangers have demonstrated steadfast
49 leadership, academic integrity, and sportsmanship, serving as role
50 models for future generations of athletes and reflecting the
51 values of Northwest Mississippi Community College; and

52 WHEREAS, the remarkable triumph of the Lady Rangers this
53 season represents the spirit of excellence that Northwest
54 Mississippi Community College upholds in all of its programs, from
55 academics to athletics; and

56 WHEREAS, the team's tremendous achievements are a testament
57 not only to their own effort and talent but also to the vigorous
58 support they receive from their college, coaches, families, and
59 fans, who have all contributed to their continued success; and

60 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
61 and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi's
62 student-athletes, especially those such as the Northwest
63 Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team, whose aptitude
64 on the field and in the classroom brings pride and honor to their
65 school, their community, and the State of Mississippi and serves
66 as an inspiring example of athleticism, perseverance, and
67 commitment to the pursuit of greatness in both sport and life:



68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
70 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Northwest
71 Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team for their
72 outstanding performance, unprecedented success, and incredible
73 achievement in securing the 2024 MACCC Championship and completing
74 a perfect season.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Northwest Community College Lady Rangers Women's
77 Soccer Team Head Coach James Beattie and to the members of the
78 Capitol Press Corps.

