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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2024-2025 GRENADA HIGH SCHOOL CHARGERS FOOTBALL TEAM UPON WINNING
3 THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) 6A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Grenada High School Chargers Football
6 Team reigned supreme at the Mississippi High School Activities
7 Association (MHSAA) Class 6A State Championship, marking the first
8 state championship title in program history; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2024, fans crowded The Rock at
10 Southern Miss to watch the Chargers showcase their exemplary skill
11 and determination on the field, and the team's remarkable
12 performance did not disappoint as they clinched the championship
13 title in a stunning 43-14 victory over the previously undefeated
14 Hattiesburg Tigers; and

15 WHEREAS, though Hattiesburg scored an early 14-7 lead,
16 Grenada's impenetrable defense kept their opponent from gaining
17 ground, allowing only 82 yards in the final three quarters and
18 holding the Tigers to just 205 yards of total offense and 99 yards
19 passing; and



20 WHEREAS, undeterred by the stacked boxes from Hattiesburg or
21 the pressure on the line of scrimmage, senior running back MaCaleb
22 Taylor earned the title of State Championship MVP with 211 rushing
23 yards on 29 carries for four touchdowns, and he finished the
24 season with more than 2,700 rushing yards and 40 touchdowns; and

25 WHEREAS, senior Jarques Perry, the heart and soul of
26 Grenada's defensive line and MHSAA Class 6A Defensive Player of
27 the Year, had 116 total tackles, including 31 tackles for loss,
28 and 27 sacks with eight forced fumbles; and

29 WHEREAS, the Chargers' previous loss to the West Jones
30 Mustangs in the 2023 title game lit a fire under the team,
31 motivating them to train even harder and return to the
32 championship better than before, and their hard work paid off in
33 spades, making their comeback victory that much sweeter; and

34 WHEREAS, the team's ascent to the pinnacle of football
35 excellence has been made manifest through the tenacious efforts of
36 the team's athletes: Jarques Perry, Zayion Cotton, Jaeden Curry,
37 Zach Townsend, Ekeyvion Noel, MaCaleb Taylor, Semaj Avery, Chance
38 Jenkins, Ryan Spencer, Jahmani Washington, Jatavious Lewis, Drew
39 Klinck, Brayden Trusty, Brayden Neathery, Jacorey Seals, Braydon
40 Hardiman, LaQuaylon Steward, Jereon Reed, Richard Smith, Jacorey
41 Shipp, Demetrius Ross, Tyler Edwards, Emmory Elliott, Myles Ross,
42 Braylon Hardiman, Cameon Noel, Tanner Fowler, Detraveon Conley,
43 Malik Taylor, Russell Roberson, Carson Honeycutt, Eli Clark,
44 Marcus Mallett, Layne Gillon, Trenn Brown, Ethan Dorris, Aiden



45 Reno, DJ Dollison, CJ Lumas, Austin Moore, Ray Champman, Khristian
46 Everett, Michael Cavanaugh, Damareon Sims, DJ Westmoreland, Ryan
47 Williams, Justin Hollingsworth, Logan Costilow, Brysen Arbuckle,
48 Deandre Fray, Jordan Cunningham, Mason Hughes, Bryson Waugh, Cadin
49 Windham, Preston Downs, Javaris Bledsoe, Christian Moore, Frank
50 Sanders, Jamison Hayes, John Hollingsworth, Kameron Washington,
51 Luke Manelli, Jay Ray, Devin Jolliff, Malik Gholston, Dakota
52 Barksdale, Nelson Downs, Matthew Sills, Jayceron Gardner, Javaious
53 Collins, Aiden Tharpe, Darrion Harris, Quan Bland, Gamari Govan,
54 Caiden Baker, Jamion McClusky, Otis Cashaw, Jaylen Singleton,
55 Tyrus Russell, Prentiss Sledge, Brody Jackson, Enis Johnson,
56 Hayden Lee, Andrew Fair, Eli Palmer, Houston Whittemore, Garan
57 Edwards, Randy Winters, and Corday Singleton; and

58 WHEREAS, anchored by exceptional individual performances, the
59 Chargers have been led by a slate of standouts on the gridiron
60 this season, with 21 student-athletes chosen to join select teams,
61 including All Region Team Offense: MaCaleb Taylor (Offensive
62 Player of the Year), Quan Bland, Zayion Cotton, Javaris Bledsoe,
63 Chance Jenkins, Brayden Trusty, Jaeden Curry, Jordan Cunningham,
64 and Frank Sanders; All Region Team Defense: Jarques Perry
65 (Defensive Player of the Year), Semaj Avery, Jahmani Washington,
66 Zach Townsend, Demetreus Ross, Tyler Edwards, Ekeyvion Noel,
67 Braydon Hardiman, Jereon Reed, Tay Lewis, and Ryan Spencer;
68 Special Teams: Carson Honeycutt; and All State Team: Jarques



69 Perry, MaCaleb Taylor, Jahmani Washington, Zayion Cotton, and
70 Javaris Bledsoe; and

71 WHEREAS, the Chargers have been superbly coached and inspired
72 by Head Coach Michael Fair, Offensive Coordinator Scott Martin,
73 Defensive Coordinator Jim Tindall, Special Teams Coordinator
74 Mitchell Harville, and Assistant Coaches Justin Purvis, Kendrick
75 Conley, Andrew Whyte, Jordan England, and Jerimy Watson, and in
76 recognition of their expert leadership, this elite group was named
77 the 2024 Class 6A Coaching Staff of the Year; and

78 WHEREAS, the members of this distinguished team will surely
79 treasure the memories they have made throughout their incredible
80 14-1 season, constantly flooded with the feeling of greatness that
81 accompanies being a champion as they recall bringing the school's
82 first gold ball home to Grenada; and

83 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
84 and commend outstanding Mississippi student-athletes, especially
85 those such as the Grenada High School Chargers Football Team,
86 whose talent, grit, and perseverance bring great honor to their
87 school, their community, and the State of Mississippi:

88 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
89 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
90 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2024-2025
91 Grenada High School Chargers Football Team upon winning the
92 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 6A



93 State Championship, and extend best wishes to the team for
94 continued success in all their future endeavors.

95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
96 furnished to the Grenada High School Chargers Football Team and to
97 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

