

By: Representatives Hawkins, Deweese

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LAFAYETTE HIGH
2 SCHOOL "COMMODORES" BOYS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH GENE ANDERSON
3 FOR WINNING THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Lafayette High School "Commodores" Boys Soccer
6 Team reigned supreme after capturing the 2025 Mississippi High
7 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 5A State Championship,
8 securing the program's first-ever state title in the program's
9 history with a commanding 2-0 victory over South Jones High School
10 on February 17, 2025; and

11 WHEREAS, playing with clear determination and unyielding
12 perseverance, the Commodores overcame past heartbreaks of
13 consecutive state championship game losses, ensuring that the
14 third time was indeed the charm as they showcased their grit and
15 skill in a dominant first-half performance; and

16 WHEREAS, under the esteemed leadership and unwavering
17 dedication of 18th-year Head Coach Gene Anderson, who has
18 tirelessly built the Lafayette High School soccer program from the



19 ground up, the Commodores demonstrated their growth, resilience
20 and commitment to excellence throughout the season; and

21 WHEREAS, Lafayette High School completed their championship
22 campaign with a 17-8 overall record, demonstrating remarkable
23 progress and an unrelenting pursuit of success, culminating in
24 their historic victory; and

25 WHEREAS, during the championship match, senior Porter Lindsay
26 ignited the scoreboard in the 24th minute with a precise shot
27 inside the left post, quickly followed by senior Wesley
28 Kilpatrick's stunning left-footed goal six minutes later,
29 solidifying the Commodores' lead and earning Kilpatrick the title
30 of game MVP; and

31 WHEREAS, the Commodores' defensive strategy proved formidable
32 as goalkeeper Asa Martin and the defensive unit held South Jones
33 to only two shots on goal, neither of which posed a significant
34 challenge, sealing their shutout victory and securing their
35 long-awaited championship; and

36 WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Commodores have been
37 supported by a talented roster of athletes, dedicated assistant
38 coaches, school administrators, faculty, families and an
39 enthusiastic community, all of whom played an integral role in
40 this historic achievement; and

41 WHEREAS, the championship Commodores' team consists of the
42 following dynamic youth athletes: Asa Martin, Blake Shoffner,
43 Aydan Vazquez, Ethan Smith, Preston Sullivan, Gavin Leary, Wesley



44 Kilpatrick, Porter Lindsay, Sterlin Smith, Derek Anderson, Isaac
45 Henley, Stanley George, Tyler Woodard, Able Reyes, Lucas
46 Moorehead, Alex Wilkinson, Tatum Spicer, Will Dees, Prince
47 Williams, Harris Byrd, Kyan Cohran, Luke Westmoreland, Ryker
48 Loprinzi and Reed Jordan; and

49 WHEREAS, the Commodores have been superbly coached and
50 inspired by Head Coach Gene Anderson, Assistant Coaches Alfredo
51 Alvarez and Anthony Jones, and Manager Evan Bynum, who have
52 broadened the team's knowledge of the game and refined their
53 skills in execution; and

54 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Commodores have
55 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of
56 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great
57 credit upon the individual players and the entire coaching staff;
58 and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
60 recognize and honor the accomplishments of student-athletes,
61 especially those such as the Lafayette High School "Commodores"
62 Boys Soccer Team, whose hard work, dedication and excellence on
63 the field brings honor to Lafayette High School, their community
64 and the State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
67 commend and congratulate the Lafayette High School "Commodores"
68 Boys Soccer Team and Head Coach Gene Anderson for winning the 2025



69 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 5A
70 State Championship, and extend best wishes for continued success
71 in all their future endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Lafayette High School Head Coach Gene Anderson on
74 behalf of the members of the Commodores Boys Soccer Team and to
75 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

