

By: Representative Tullos

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE STRINGER
2 ATTENDANCE CENTER LADY DEVILS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 1A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE FIRST IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, the Stringer Attendance Center Lady Devils
6 Volleyball Team has brought honor and pride to the Jasper County,
7 Mississippi school system by winning the Mississippi High School
8 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship, their
9 first in school history; and

10 WHEREAS, the Stringer Attendance Center Volleyball Team
11 demonstrated their ability with their dedication, perseverance and
12 leadership throughout their season of play, and they intensely
13 amplified all of their hard work for the championship series to
14 prove once and for all that the Lady Devils are the queens of
15 Mississippi 1A volleyball; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lady Devils completed the 2024-2025 season with
17 a 23-6 overall record and with a perfect 6-0 region record, and
18 after winning the South State Championship for three years in a
19 row and then beating West Union Attendance Center in a



20 championship matchup that left fans on the edge of their seat
21 until the final point was scored, the Lady Devils were finally
22 able to bring the State Championship trophy back to the Stringer
23 Attendance Center trophy case; and

24 WHEREAS, during the championship series, Stringer established
25 dominance from the start, opening the game with a 6-1 run to gain
26 early momentum, and a 7-2 run midway through the set and a closing
27 7-2 run gave the Lady Devils a 25-13 opening-set win; and

28 WHEREAS, West Union made it interesting in the second set,
29 jumping out to a 15-7 lead by going on a 12-2 run, but after a
30 moving speech from their coach during a timeout about not letting
31 their emotions dictate how they play, the Lady Devils went on a
32 12-3 run to take the lead; and

33 WHEREAS, after senior Rylei Pickerell reminded the team of
34 their season mantra to just take things one point at a time,
35 Stringer was able to keep the lead and momentum to take a 25-21
36 set win despite West Union's best efforts; and

37 WHEREAS, during the third set, the Lady Devils and Lady
38 Eagles swapped the lead early, but Stringer took control again
39 with a 9-0 run to take a commanding 19-8 lead, and senior Madilyn
40 Graham, who was selected as the game's Most Valuable Player,
41 utilized a powerful jump serve to score the final point, cementing
42 the Lady Devils' championship dreams with a 25-12 win and a sweep
43 of West Union; and



WHEREAS, the title victory capped off an outstanding run for the Lady Devils, whose last loss came against 5A South Jones in September 2024, and they won every set they played between that loss and a 3-1 victory over Resurrection Catholic for the South State championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship, two players, Rylei Pickerell and Natalie Aplin, have both committed to play college volleyball at East Central Community College, the first time in school history that any volleyball player has gone on to play at the next level; and

WHEREAS, the success of the volleyball program at Stringer Attendance Center is due to the incredible support and resources made available from the parents, coaches, and especially the administration; and

WHEREAS, the Stringer Attendance Center Lady Devils Girls Volleyball Team is comprised of the following talented athletes: Brylee Townsend, Lilly Sylvester, Ava Jefcoat, Jaycee Holifield, Semaj Bridges, Riley King, Dixie Rayner, Kayleigh Douglas, Rylei Pickerell, Marley Townsend, Jaicee Brady, Madilyn Graham, Breagan Landon, Payton Farris, Preslee Cook, Natalie Aplin and Natelee Prunera; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Landon White and Assistant Coach Amie Buckley coached an amazing group of girls, and they have furthered the team's knowledge of the game as well as sharpened their skills and execution; and



69 WHEREAS, the team will surely carry the unforgettable
70 memories they made along the way and the lessons of hard work,
71 dedication and perseverance learned during this amazing season
72 throughout their lives, and they will always remember the feeling
73 of greatness that accompanies being a champion; and

74 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
75 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
76 Stringer Attendance Center Lady Devils Volleyball Team, and it is
77 with great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
78 student-athletes, who have brought honor to Stringer Attendance
79 Center, Jasper County and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
82 commend and congratulate the Stringer Attendance Center Lady
83 Devils Volleyball Team for winning the Mississippi High School
84 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship, the
85 first in school history, and extend best wishes for continued
86 success in all their future endeavors.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
88 furnished to the Head Coach Landon White and to the members of the
89 Capitol Press Corps.

