

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2024-2025
2 MYRTLE ATTENDANCE CENTER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (MHSAA) CLASS 1A
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Myrtle Attendance Center Girls Cross
6 Country Team finished their season in an outstanding fashion as
7 they reigned supreme at the Mississippi High School Activities
8 Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship on October 31,
9 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, these dedicated young women outlasted and outpaced
11 their competitors as they raced along the Robert and Rebecca
12 Watson Cross Country Course at Choctaw Trails in Clinton,
13 Mississippi, relying on their swift feet and fierce spirit to
14 propel them past the finish line to ultimate victory; and

15 WHEREAS, with fervent determination and dauntless fortitude
16 powering their every step, the team finished the 5K run with an
17 impressive 34 points, an average time of 22:16.96, and a total
18 time of 1:51:24.80, culminating in the second consecutive state
19 championship title for the program; and



20 WHEREAS, anchored by standout individual performances, the
21 team stepped up and showed out to defy the odds at the
22 championship race, with four runners placing in the top 14 and
23 thus making All State; and

24 WHEREAS, three of the team's seven members finished in the
25 top five, a truly remarkable accomplishment considering 74 of the
26 state's best runners participated in the race; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout the season, these dedicated student-
28 athletes pushed through long hours of hard work and intense
29 training to hone their skills, giving them the tools they needed
30 to go the distance, and some were able to set new personal records
31 on their run times, proving champions are made in practice; and

32 WHEREAS, the team's ascent to the pinnacle of cross country
33 excellence has been made manifest through the tenacious efforts of
34 athletes: Ally Murphy (1st), Mady Hogue (2nd), Abby Fuller (5th),
35 Peyton Thompson (12th), Leah Merritt (16th), Riley Plymel (26th),
36 and Lilly Beth Maness; and

37 WHEREAS, the back-to-back state champions have been superbly
38 coached and inspired by Coach Sheena Murphy and Coach Jennifer
39 Fuller, who have broadened the team's knowledge of the sport,
40 refined their skills in execution, and encouraged them to chase
41 their dreams; and

42 WHEREAS, the success of the cross country program at Myrtle
43 Attendance Center is due to the incredible support and resources



44 made available from the parents, coaches, and especially the
45 administration; and

46 WHEREAS, the members of this team will surely carry the
47 unforgettable memories they have made, as well as the lessons of
48 teamwork, dedication, and perseverance they have learned,
49 throughout their lives as they remember the feeling of greatness
50 that accompanies being a champion; and

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
52 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
53 Myrtle Attendance Center Girls Cross Country Team, and it is with
54 great pride that we congratulate this elite group of
55 student-athletes, who have brought honor to their school, Union
56 County, and the entire State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 commend and congratulate the 2024-2025 Myrtle Attendance Center
60 Girls Cross Country Team for winning the Mississippi High School
61 Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship, and
62 extend best wishes to the team for continued success in all their
63 future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the Myrtle Attendance Center Girls Cross Country Team
66 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

