

By: Representative Eure

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ST. PATRICK
2 WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE LADY IRISH, ON
3 WINNING THE SOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the amazing ladies on St. Patrick Women's Soccer
5 Team, affectionately known as the Lady Irish, are the 2025 South
6 State Champions; and

7 WHEREAS, these impressive young women worked hard to overcome
8 many obstacles during this season to accomplish this great task;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 season began with a new head coach,
11 Angela McClure, and some devastating news that one of the Lady
12 Irish starting players from the 2023-2024 season had been
13 diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, and that the team lost four
14 other starting players (seniors, etc.), forcing the team to begin
15 its quest to a state title with a new generation of players and
16 with a special dedication of their season to their teammate,
17 Katherine Adams; and



18 WHEREAS, motivated by their need to honor their teammate and
19 overcome adversity, the Lady Irish once again made it to the state
20 championship game and clinched the title by defeating Tupelo

21 Christian Prep for the third year in a row by a score of 4-0; and

22 WHEREAS, many individual players on the team have also earned
23 great accolades, including Bella Jordan, who was named Most
24 Valuable Player of the game after leading the scoring with a hat
25 trick, and she was also named Sun Herald's Player of the Year in
26 2024; and

27 WHEREAS, Bella Jordan and Anna Katherine Thriffiley also
28 earned a spot on the Coast All-Star East Team for the second year
29 in a row and were the only goal scorers for the team during the
30 Coast All-Star game this year; and

31 WHEREAS, Anna Katherine Thriffiley was also named Coast
32 Female Player of the Year for the 2024-2025 season as well as
33 Offensive Player of the Game for the Coast All-Star game, and
34 Bella Jordan and Anna Katherine Thriffiley have both earned the
35 title "Student Athlete of the Week" during the 2024-2025 season
36 for their contributions as both students and athletes; and

37 WHEREAS, before this championship win, the team made its
38 first ever appearance in the state championship game under the
39 leadership of Coach Adam Smith during the 2020-2021 season, and
40 again during the 2021-2022 season, but came up short to Our Lady
41 Academy 0-2; and



WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 season was a gamechanger for the team, the Lady Irish returned to the South State Championship defeating Our Lady Academy and went on to win its first State Championship title in school history under the leadership of Coach Cassandra Terry and Assistant Coach Angela McClure; and

WHEREAS, that same season, the team's win over Tupelo Christian Prep (6-0) brought great honor to the team, players and coach, when Linda Mustered received the Most Valuable Player award for this game and Coach Terry was named Sun Herald's Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023-2024 season, the Lady Irish lost five starting seniors, but still returned to capture the state championship under the leadership of Head Coach Cassandra Terry and Assistant Coach Angela McClure when they defeated Tupelo Christian Prep 7-0, and Anna Katherine Thriffiley received the Most Valuable Player award for this game after scoring a hat trick; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of this St. Patrick team hopes to continue to build a thriving soccer program in which players can excel both on and off the field:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the St. Patrick Women's Soccer Team, affectionately known as the Lady Irish, on winning the South State Championship.



67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Coach Angela McClure, soccer players of the 2024-2025
69 Lady Irish team and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

