

By: Representatives Aguirre, Boyd (19th),
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE TUPELO HIGH
2 SCHOOL GOLDEN WAVE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON WINNING
3 BACK-TO-BACK MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
4 (MHSAA) CLASS 7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COACH TENEESHIA BOYD ON
5 BEING NAMED THE 2024 MISSISSIPPI GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE
6 YEAR.

7 WHEREAS, the 2024 Tupelo High School Golden Wave Girls Cross
8 Country Team incredibly repeated history on November 2, 2024, when
9 they once again finished their season in outstanding fashion by
10 capturing the Mississippi High School Activities Association
11 (MHSAA) Class 7A State Championship for the second year in a row;
12 and

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

18 WHEREAS, with fervent determination and dauntless fortitude
19 powering every pace, the team finished with an impressive total
20 score of 81 and a total time of 1:44:32.74, culminating in the



21 second consecutive state championship following a ten-year drought
22 for the Golden Wave program before the state title was recaptured
23 in 2023; and

24 WHEREAS, anchored by standout individual performances,
25 including senior Brookelyn Morgan's placing second, the Lady Wave
26 performed exceptionally well, with three runners placing in the
27 top 14, a truly remarkable accomplishment considering 115 of the
28 state's best runners participated in the race; and

29 WHEREAS, throughout the season, these dedicated
30 student-athletes pushed through long hours of hard work and
31 intense training to improve their speed and build endurance,
32 giving them the tools they needed to go the distance; and

33 WHEREAS, the back-to-back state champions have been superbly
34 coached and inspired by nine-year Head Coach Teneeshia Boyd, who
35 also serves as Head Track and Field Coach at Tupelo High, and
36 Assistant Coach Kelli Dufford, who have broadened the runners'
37 knowledge of the sport, refined their skills, and encouraged them
38 to persevere in giving their all to defend their 2023 title; and

39 WHEREAS, while the team savors its status as reigning champs,
40 the success of the girls cross country program has been made all
41 the sweeter with the naming of Coach Boyd, a former eight-time
42 All-American, 2001 SEC Champion in the 100-meter hurdles, and 2019
43 SEC Legend, as the 2024 Mississippi Girls Cross Country Coach of
44 the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches
45 Association; and



46 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the members of the
47 Lady Wave cross country team have developed a winning, cooperative
48 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
49 and attitudes, both on the course and off, reflect great credit
50 upon the individual runners and their coaches; and

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
52 recognize and commend excellence, especially that displayed by the
53 Tupelo High School Golden Wave Girls Cross Country Team and
54 Mississippi Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year Teneeshia Boyd,
55 and it is with great pride that we congratulate this elite group
56 of student-athletes and Coach Boyd, who have brought honor to
57 their school, families, community and the entire Magnolia State:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
60 commend and congratulate the 2024 Tupelo High School Golden Wave
61 Girls Cross Country Team for winning back-to-back Mississippi High
62 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 7A State Championships
63 and Coach Teneeshia Boyd on being named the 2024 Mississippi Girls
64 Cross Country Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and
65 Cross Country Coaches Association.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby extend to the
67 Tupelo High School Golden Wave Girls Cross Country Team and
68 coaches best wishes for continued success in all their future
69 endeavors.



70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to Tupelo High School, Coach Teneeshia Boyd and to the
72 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

