

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HEIDELBERG
2 HIGH SCHOOL OILERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH DARRYL CARTER FOR
3 WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Heidelberg Coach Darryl Carter vividly remembered
6 his team's loss to Charleston in last year's Class 2A State
7 Championship game. One year later, in front of a crowd equal, if
8 not greater, than the City of Heidelberg's population of 616, the
9 Oilers defeated Charleston 38-6 to win its first-ever State
10 Championship in school history; and

11 WHEREAS, behind the stellar play of quarterback Chase Craft,
12 the Heidelberg High School Oilers raced past Charleston to claim
13 the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship at Southern Miss' M.M.
14 Roberts Stadium on December 15, 2024; and

15 WHEREAS, "I knew if we could get back here, we would have a
16 chance, and we did that," said Heidelberg Coach Darryl Carter.
17 "We just stayed the course and stayed healthy. It wasn't really a
18 revenge game, but beating someone that took something we wanted
19 feels great"; and



20 WHEREAS, The Charleston Tigers scored in the first quarter to
21 give themselves a 6-0 lead. Heidelberg tied the game at 6-6 with
22 7:45 left in the second quarter as Chase Craft raced 36 yards to
23 the end zone. The second half was all Oilers. Heidelberg scored
24 on the opening drive of the second half as Chase Craft found
25 Alrekus Graves on a 54-yard touchdown pass to take a 12-6 lead
26 with 9:53 left in the third quarter. After Heidelberg intercepted
27 a pass, Craft connected with Lathan Gavin on a 51-yard touchdown
28 pass and a successful two-point conversion gave the Oilers a 20-6
29 lead with 5:02 left in the third quarter. On the second play of
30 the fourth quarter and on the fourth down, a snap went over the
31 Charleston punter's head and rolled out of the back of the end
32 zone for a safety to give Heidelberg a 22-6 lead with 11:49 left
33 in the game. Craft found Ja'Kayden Moore on a 29-yard touchdown
34 pass to stretch the Oilers lead to 30-6 with 8:15 left in the
35 fourth quarter and put the game out of reach. Craft found Moore
36 again on a 3-yard score to give Heidelberg the 38-6 lead; and

37 WHEREAS, Chase Craft ended the afternoon with 323 scrimmage
38 yards and five total touchdowns, going 14-for-21 passing. After a
39 tied 6-6 game going into halftime, Heidelberg scored 32 unanswered
40 second-half points, and was named the game's Most Valuable Player;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, the Heidelberg High School Oilers 2024-2025 roster:
43 Chase Craft, Ja'Kayden Moore, Lathan Gavin, Jovian Trotter,
44 Montell Hamilton, D'Mauhd Gavin, Devin Tribble, Destin McCray,



45 Madaylan McKenzie, Camron King, Deon Gilmore, Alrekus Graves,
46 Michael Martin, Lamareon Arrington, Darrell Jefferson, Jr., Zakyle
47 Young, Antonio Gavin, Keyon Gilmore, Anthony McMillian, Jakyrin
48 Bolton, Kaden Porter, Ludrick Cameron, Cristian Jones, Dezmond
49 Allen, Paris Jones, Derrick Bradley, Jameion Kennedy, Barrion
50 Posey, Keelen Newell, Zyheim Arrington, Cameron Goodloe, Landon
51 Jordan, Jacarious Carmichael, Jadarian Taylor, Marcus Washington,
52 Jayden McDonald, Christopher Bender, Traveon McGill, Calaeab
53 Henderson, Tamariyan Ducksworth, Zy'Marion Horne, Tony Lindsey,
54 Zion Jones, Darius Jones, Leland Horne, Tylan Milsap, and Leo
55 Cordova; and

56 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
57 of Mississippi athletes who have brought honor to their school,
58 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
61 Heidelberg High School Oilers Football Team and Coach Darryl
62 Carter for winning their first-ever MHSAA Class 2A State
63 Championship, and extend to the team, coaches, administration,
64 parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Coach Darryl Carter for the team, forwarded to Heidelberg
67 Principal Keithsha Jones and the Jasper County Board of Education
68 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

