

By: Senator(s) Harkins, Barnett

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST  
2 RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL LADY COUGARS SOCCER TEAM AND COACH CARLI LITTLE  
3 FOR MAKING SCHOOL HISTORY BY WINNING BACK-TO-BACK MHSAA CLASS 7A  
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5 WHEREAS, after winning the State Championship in the 2024  
6 season, the Northwest Rankin's Girls Soccer Team wanted to make  
7 school history and win back-to-back state titles. Mission  
8 accomplished; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars lost only two games in the 2025  
10 season and defeated Tupelo 3-0 in the championship game for their  
11 second-straight MHSAA Class 7A State Title and Gold Ball Trophy;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the 2025 team was led by a large senior class, many  
14 of whom are taking their talents to the next level at schools such  
15 as Southwest Mississippi Community College, Jones County Junior  
16 College, Holmes Community College, and Meridian Community College.  
17 However, Northwest Rankin Coach Carli Little contributes a large  
18 portion of the team's success and the program's depth; and



19 WHEREAS, "We had a lot of talent spread out," said Little,  
20 who finished her fifth season as Northwest Rankin's Head Coach.  
21 "We had players just like any team that go down throughout the  
22 season with injuries, and one of the biggest things that we pride  
23 ourselves on is this 'next man up' mentality; and

24 WHEREAS, defender Myla Thortis, one of the two senior  
25 captains, was in complete agreement. "This team was special  
26 because of our depth and experience," Thortis said. "We knew what  
27 it was going to take to get this done, and we always had the next  
28 player up ready to step up at any time;" and

29 WHEREAS, "We have routines," said Coach Little, who is  
30 assisted by Daylin Britt, Taylor Leddy and Harrison Armour.  
31 Little's pride was not just in the team's performance on the  
32 soccer field. "I'm most proud of how they lean on each other,"  
33 Little said. "They're teammates and friends. They truly care  
34 about each other. If somebody is not having a good game or going  
35 through a rough patch whether it's an injury or a mental block,  
36 they really lean on each other to help and pull each other up;"  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the 2025 Northwest Rankin Girls Lady Cougars Soccer  
39 Roster: Caitlin Massey, Lilly Mott, Bristol Binkley, Greer  
40 Gerguson, Madilyn Holley, Vianne Harley, Amaya Littlejohn, Andee  
41 Stetson, Tatum Johnston, Abigail Shaw, Corinne Harley, Bella  
42 Hogan, Katie Sasser, Aly Vancor, Emily Dixon, Kaylee Ott, Hadlee  
43 Mooney, Savannah Jordan, Keelan Boston, Tyler Grace Sims, Grace



44 Harmon, Katie Hennington, Rylee Shaw, Myla Thortis, Sarah Kate  
45 Foreman, Kate Gray Nesbit, Sidney Clare Sing, Izzy Smith, Kinsey  
46 Horton, Crissi Tenner, Amiyah Barnes, Parker Morris, Delilah  
47 Roberts, Anna Claire Sherman, Aubrey Harmon, Zoey Brown, Madeleine  
48 Martinez, Allie Carpenter, Marley Oubre, McKinley Drennan,  
49 Kayleigh Drennan, Taylor Crockett, Kalyn Oubre, Presley Rainer,  
50 Brooklyn Robinson, AP Smith, Cailey Smith, Zoe Cross, Savannah  
51 Wiltshire, Morgan Gates, Lillian Harley, Peyton Smith, Erin Park  
52 and Coach Carli Little; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
54 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their  
55 community and to the State of Mississippi:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
58 Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team and Coach  
59 Carli Little for making school history by winning back-to-back  
60 MHSAA Class 7A State Championships, and extend to the team,  
61 coaches, administration, parents and sponsors our best wishes for  
62 continued success.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
64 Coach Carli Little for the team, forwarded to the Northwest Rankin  
65 Principal Lewis Bradford and the Rankin County Board of Education  
66 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

