

By: Senator(s) Whaley, Blackwell, Boyd,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE RANGERS DANCE TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 PATRICE CHRISTIAN FOR WINNING BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 IN THE OPEN HIP-HOP DIVISION AT THE UDA NATIONALS IN ORLANDO,
5 FLORIDA.

6 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers
7 Dance Team, under the leadership of Head Coach Patrice Christian,
8 has achieved remarkable success by securing back-to-back National
9 Championships in the Open Hip-Hop Division at the prestigious
10 Universal Dance Association (UDA) Nationals in Orlando, Florida;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the team's outstanding performance at the 2025 UDA
13 Nationals earned it a raw score of 99.9333 and an event score of
14 95.1746 in the finals, finishing ahead of strong competitors, and
15 demonstrating its superior talent and dedication to excellence;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the team's journey to the championship included a
18 semifinal performance that advanced it to the finals with a raw

19 score of 97.85 and an event score of 93.1905, solidifying its
20 reputation as a powerhouse in collegiate dance; and

21 WHEREAS, through countless hours of practice, determination
22 and teamwork, the Northwest Dance Team members have exhibited
23 exceptional discipline and perseverance, serving as outstanding
24 representatives of their college and the State of Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, under the insightful and accomplished leadership of
26 Head Coach Patrice Christian, the Rangers did an exceptional job
27 of covering each other's faults and unifying all of their
28 strengths to make a good team and ultimately executing an
29 outstanding job working toward the accomplishment of this highly
30 pursued goal; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Northwest Mississippi Community
32 College Rangers Dance Team Roster: Evan Anderson, Leilanie Ayala,
33 Jayden Baker, Emma Bichon, Kaitlyn Brewer, Damon Butler, Blessyn
34 Davis, Brianna Davis, Lauren Deep, Jade Fletcher, Larissa Gaines,
35 Karmyn Gibbs, Eryanna Gray, Kimberly Hogwood, Amarion Hooks,
36 Jeffery Jones, Ma'Kiyla Powell, Kaitlyn Richardson, Nataliah
37 Robinson, Gabriella Scott, Morgan Scurlock, Kaitlyn Sutton, Kaiya
38 Taylor, Cassidy Walker, Margen Wilson and Janiyah Woods; and Head
39 Coach Patrice Christian; and

40 WHEREAS, the team roster, featuring a diverse and talented
41 group of student-athletes from across Mississippi, Florida,
42 Louisiana, and Tennessee, reflects the broad appeal and
43 competitive spirit of the Northwest Dance Program; and

44 WHEREAS, the success of the dance team is also attributed to
45 the unwavering support of its families, friends, Northwest
46 Mississippi Community College administration and the entire Ranger
47 community; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
49 excellence in collegiate athletes, especially student-athletes
50 such as the Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team,
51 whose remarkable achievements have brought pride and honor to its
52 institution and our state:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
55 Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers Dance Team and
56 Head Coach Patrice Christian for winning back-to-back National
57 Championships in the Open Hip-Hop Division at the UDA Nationals in
58 Orlando, Florida, and extend best wishes for continued success in
59 all its future endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 Head Coach Patrice Christian for the team, Northwest Mississippi
62 Community College President Dr. Michael Heindl, and made available
63 to the Capitol Press Corps.

