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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST  
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE RANGERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH  
3 BENJY PARKER ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2024 SEASON AND VICTORY IN THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES CONFERENCE (MACCC)  
5 CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers  
7 Football Team, a powerhouse program under the phenomenal  
8 leadership of Head Coach Benjy Parker, repeated history yet again  
9 in 2024 with its continued demonstration of exceptional skill,  
10 teamwork and determination throughout its incredible season; and

11 WHEREAS, the Rangers finished the season with an impressive  
12 10-2 overall record, securing their 12th Mississippi Association  
13 of Community Colleges Conference (MACCC) championship title and  
14 the team's third championship in the past five years; and

15 WHEREAS, Northwest earned the No. 4 spot in the final  
16 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I  
17 Football Poll, marking the ninth time in the last 10 seasons that  
18 the Rangers have finished with a national ranking; and



19 WHEREAS, the Rangers earned a bid to the NJCAA Division I  
20 Football Playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons,  
21 showcasing the team's continued excellence on a national level;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the team's success was powered by standout  
24 performances, including sophomore running back D'mariun Perteet,  
25 who set a new program single season rushing record with 257  
26 attempts and 1,360 yards and earned MACCC North Division Player of  
27 the Year, NJCAA Offensive Player of the Week and All-NJCAA Region  
28 23 Player of the Year honors; and

29 WHEREAS, quarterback Zach Wilcke delivered consistent  
30 leadership and improvement throughout the season, passing for  
31 2,051 yards and 15 touchdowns, including a career-high 287 yards  
32 in the MACCC semifinal victory; and

33 WHEREAS, the Rangers's defense was anchored by outstanding  
34 players such as Fredd Adams, who recorded eight interceptions and  
35 earned First Team All-MACCC North Division and All-NJCAA Region 23  
36 honors, and defensive linemen Jaylon Johnson and D.J. Burgess, who  
37 combined for key tackles, sacks and quarterback pressures; and

38 WHEREAS, Head Coach Benjy Parker was named MACCC North  
39 Division Coach of the Year and All-NJCAA Region 23 Coach of the  
40 Year, further solidifying his place as one of the most successful  
41 coaches in Northwest history with a career record of 75-21; and

42 WHEREAS, the coaching staff, including Offensive Coordinator  
43 Stan Hill, Defensive Coordinator Paige Anders, Wide Receivers



44 Coach Scott Oakley, Offensive Line Coach Jim Jones, Defensive  
45 Backs Coach Charles Jones, and Strength and Conditioning Coach  
46 Randal Pharr, played an integral role in developing the team's  
47 strategy and fostering the players' growth and success; and

48 WHEREAS, the academic advisor, Tori Fugatt, has helped the  
49 Northwest football program continue to be an academic stronghold  
50 with recent recognitions by the NJCAA for the highest GPA in the  
51 country and leading the state for many years in the classroom; and

52 WHEREAS, the Northwest football program continues to be a  
53 source of pride for the college, its alumni, and the entire State  
54 of Mississippi, representing the values of dedication,  
55 sportsmanship and excellence; and

56 WHEREAS, the Northwest Mississippi Community College Roster:  
57 Carlando Crump, Kyler Hutton, Keshawn Davila, Zach Wilcke, K.D.  
58 Gibson, Elijah Ruffin, Rashard Daniels, Saveon Freeman, JaBrysten  
59 Abram, Trevor Walton, Roman Gregory, Chris Thomas, D'mariun  
60 Perteet, D.J. Burgess, M.J. Johnson, Fredd Adams, Keon Hutchins,  
61 Jacorey Jones, Kamp Shepherd, Dre Riley, Marion Keyes, Jerry Wall  
62 III, Rase Jones, Jack Wright, Cris O'Neal, Britten Traylor, Dylan  
63 Moran, Jakwon Morris, Ja Keyes, Damari Burton, Nate Walker, Jaylon  
64 Johnson, Johnathan Faulkner, Trevion Killelte, Qua Middlebrooks,  
65 Caulen Dunn, Antione Keefer, Jr., Elliot Helps, Montra Sanford,  
66 Charles Woodard, Joey Colella, Jackson Uselton, Hayden Wolfe,  
67 Nehemiah McCloud, Michael Gibson, Jr., Drew Brewer, LaParka  
68 Langston, Christopher Rodgers, Jakheem Shumpert, Connor Hillman,



69 Reginhard Pierre-Nau, Stratton Smith, Cobie Johnson, Cameron  
70 Foster, Jaylen Thomas, Tyler Ferro, Nate Kelley, Austin Howell,  
71 Jamael Johnson, Koryon Hoard, Joshua Humes, Tyeland Coleman,  
72 JaQuize Buycks, Frederick Tigner, Jr., T.J. Spann and Head Coach  
73 Benjy Parker; and

74 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize and honor the  
75 achievements of student-athletes such as the Northwest Mississippi  
76 Community College Rangers Football Team, who have brought honor to  
77 their college, community and the entire State of Mississippi:

78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
79 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
80 Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers Football Team and  
81 Head Coach Benjy Parker for their outstanding performance during  
82 the 2024 season, including their MACCC Championship victory, and  
83 extend sincere wishes to the team members and coaches for  
84 continued success in all their future endeavors.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
86 Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers Football Team Head  
87 Coach Benjy Parker, forwarded to Northwest Mississippi Community  
88 College President Michael J. Heindl and made available to the  
89 Capitol Press Corps.

