

By: Senator(s) Rhodes, Kirby, Harkins,
McCaughn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE EAST RANKIN
2 ACADEMY SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM AND COACH VINCE BYNUM FOR WINNING
3 THEIR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE MISSISSIPPI SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING PROGRAM
4 (MSSP) STATE TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Program (MSSP)
6 is a team-based, youth development program that uses the shotgun
7 sport of Sporting Clays to instill life skills such as discipline,
8 safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and other life values.
9 The program utilizes these disciplines to teach hunting skills
10 through the safe use of hunting equipment, including firearms, and
11 their relationship to hunting situations. Team members can
12 participate in team and individual events; and

13 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the East Rankin Academy Shooting
14 Sports Team, coached by Vince Bynum, won its sixth consecutive
15 MSSP State Championship Title; and

16 WHEREAS, in a two-day shoot, the MSSP State Championship
17 welcomed the top 150 Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap shooters
18 between seventh and twelfth grade. The Foundation for Mississippi
19 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks awarded \$12,000.00 in scholarships



to the tournament winners. East Rankin Academy's Shooting Sports Team took home the State Title for the 6th consecutive year and brought home \$7,500.00 of the scholarships given; and

WHEREAS, the following students from East Rankin were recognized for their sharp shooting in the State Tournament:

- Gabe Nutt: Top Gun South Male High Overall - \$1,000.00;
- Olivia Griffing: Top Gun South Female High Overall - \$1,000.00 and State Championship Sporting Clay Female 1st Place - \$1,000.00;
- Evan McIlwain: State Championship Sporting Clay Female 3rd Place - \$500.00;
- Abram Rowell, Gabe Nutt, and Parker Davis - 1st Place;
- Evan McIlwain, Chylen Williams, and Olivia Griffing - 2nd Place;
- Branton Miller, Payson Knight, and Seth Peden - 3rd Place;
- Branton Miller - South Qualifier JV High Overall, State Championship Squads;
- Grayson Williams, Irby Rawson, and Garreth Barham - 2nd Place;
- Abe Rowell, Gabe Nutt, and Parker Davis - 3rd Place; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 East Rankin Academy Shooting Sports Team Roster: Garreth Barham, Gunner Barham, Dylann Brady, William Burrow, Parker Davis, Olivia Griffing, Payson Knight, Bentley Long, Alex McIlwain, Evan McIlwain, Branton Miller, Gabe Nutt, Cole Parkman, Max Peden, Seth Peden, Irby Rawson, Abram Rowell,



45 Sawyer Shanks, Jayla Wedgeworth, Chylen Williams, Grayson Williams
46 and Karson Williams; and Coach Vince Bynum; and

47 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
48 Mississippi sportsmen who have brought honor to their team, their
49 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the East
52 Rankin Academy Shooting Sports Team and Coach Vince Bynum for
53 winning their sixth consecutive Mississippi Scholastic Shooting
54 Program (MSSP) State Title, and extend our best wishes to the
55 Shooting Sports Team for future championships.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Coach Vince Bynum for the team, forwarded to East Rankin Academy
58 Head of School Robyn Winstead and the East Rankin Academy Board of
59 Directors, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

