

By: Representative Simmons

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBIA HIGH
2 SCHOOL WILDCATS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 1998 SEASON
3 AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A SOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, winning the Class 4A South State Championship, the
5 Columbia High School Wildcats Football Team finished the regular
6 season with a record of 12 wins and only three losses; and

7 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed among the
8 players, including the selection of Dwayne Moree, Chad Porter,
9 Todd Harmon, Rico Marks, T.J. Jackson, Jasper Loftin and Antoiuine
10 Brown for All-District Honors; the naming of Jay Rayborn, Thad
11 Akens and Michael Bradshaw as All-District Honorable Mention; the
12 selection of Nick Davis as the Most Outstanding Linebacker; the
13 naming of Steve Odom as Most Outstanding Back; the selection of
14 Anthony Abram as Most Outstanding Defensive Back; and the naming
15 of Donovan Walker as the Most Valuable Player for District 7-4A,
16 to the All-State Second Team and the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star
17 game; and

18 WHEREAS, the Wildcats have been superbly coached and inspired
19 by Head Coach Joey Porter and Assistant Coaches Tim Gatlin, Phelix
20 Shoemaker, Steve Harmon and John McElroy, who have broadened the
21 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
22 execution; and

23 WHEREAS, the Wildcats developed a winning and cooperative
24 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
25 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
26 their coach and bring honor to Columbia High School; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
28 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,
29 especially when evidenced by the young people of our state, who
30 are its future:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
33 congratulate the Columbia High School Wildcats Football Team and
34 Head Coach Joey Porter and Assistant Coaches Tim Gatlin, Phelix
35 Shoemaker, Steve Harmon and John McElroy, for their outstanding
36 1998 season, for winning the Class 4A South State Championship and
37 for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Columbia High School, Head Coach Joey Porter and
40 Assistant Coaches Tim Gatlin, Phelix Shoemaker, Steve Harmon and
41 John McElroy and members of the Capitol Press Corps.