By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott, Dawkins, Cuevas

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

- A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
- 2 GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL "ADMIRALS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
- 3 THE 2002 CLASS 5A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.
- WHEREAS, the Gulfport High School "Admirals" Boys Basketball
- 5 Team are the 2002 Class 5A State Champions; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Admirals steamrolled through the regular season
- 7 with a perfect record; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Admirals finished with an impressive record of
- 9 37 wins and only 1 loss; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in their march to the championship, the Admirals won
- 11 the Admiral Hardwood Club Holiday Classic, the St. Tammany Parish
- 12 Shootout, the Division 8-5A Tournament and were runner-ups in the
- 13 South State Tournament; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Admirals avenged their only loss of the season
- 15 by defeating arch-rival Harrison Central in one of the most
- 16 exciting comebacks in the history of the State Championship
- 17 Tournament; and
- 18 WHEREAS, showing the tenacity and resiliency that is hallmark
- 19 of championship teams, the Admirals rallied from a 6-point deficit
- 20 with two minutes to play and went on to defeat their arch-rivals
- 21 by the score of 75-63 in overtime; and
- 22 WHEREAS, in the State Semifinal Game, the "never-say-die"
- 23 Admirals staged one of the most torrid and improbable comebacks in
- 24 tournament history when they rallied from a 10-point deficit with
- 25 less than three minutes to play and went on to defeat Natchez
- 26 89-77 in overtime; and

- 27 WHEREAS, several individual team members received special
- 28 recognition for their outstanding play during the season with
- 29 Henry Salter, A.J. Magee, Tim Holmes and James Bryant garnering
- 30 All-Gulf Coast honors, and Henry Salter also garnering First Team
- 31 All-State honors; and
- 32 WHEREAS, other members of this outstanding team included:
- 33 Tyshawn Brown, Chris Keyes, Purvis McBride, Aaron Durr, Nigel
- 34 Jordan, Courtenay Brown, Duran Eckford, David Blakley, Terrall
- 35 Brown, Allan Harper, Daron Moore and Malcolm Woods; and
- 36 WHEREAS, this championship team was molded by Coach Bryan
- 37 Caldwell and Assistant Coach, Tori Holloway; and
- 38 WHEREAS, Coach Bryan Caldwell was recognized as The Clarion
- 39 Ledger Boys Basketball Coach of the Year and The Sun Herald Gulf
- 40 Coast Coach of the Year; and
- WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize
- 42 and commend the outstanding accomplishments of student athletes:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
- 45 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Gulfport High School
- 46 "Admirals" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Bryan Caldwell and
- 47 Assistant Coach Tori Holloway for winning the 2002 Class 5A State
- 48 Championship.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
- 50 presented to the Gulfport High School "Admirals" Boys Basketball
- 51 Team.