

By: Representative Barnett (116th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 D'IBERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING  
3 2002 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the d'Iberville High School Warriors Football Team  
5 finished the 2002 season as Class 4A State Champions with an  
6 exceptional record of 13-1; and

7 WHEREAS, the Warriors claimed victories in the first 3 rounds  
8 of the state playoffs and the Class 4A South State playoff, and  
9 captured the Class 4A State Championship with a convincing 33-7  
10 win over West Point, and ended the year ranked number three in the  
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout their season, the d'Iberville Warriors  
13 shut out five opponents, scored 433 total points while giving up  
14 only 95 points, and won their first state championship ever; and

15 WHEREAS, the following Warriors were named to the All-State  
16 Team: 1st Team: Darren McCaleb, Jason Hockaday and Sean Merrill;  
17 2nd Team: Robby Ellis, Jared Landrum, Esau Smith and Delmas  
18 Holley; and

19 WHEREAS, the following Warriors were selected to the  
20 All-District Team: Esau Smith, Josh Ladner, Jared Landrum,  
21 Carlton Cotten, Darren McCaleb, Sean Merrill, Delmas Holley, Robby  
22 Ellis, Jason Hockaday, Tommy Searight, Nick Ladner, Clarence  
23 Cotten, Brandon Smith, Jonathan Parker, Shane Wynn, Donald Noble  
24 and Brett Palmer; and

25 WHEREAS, the following Warriors were named to the All-Sun  
26 Herald Team: Carlton Cotten, Darren McCaleb, Esau Smith, Robby  
27 Ellis, Jason Hockaday and Sean Merrill; and



28           WHEREAS, the following Warriors were selected to the  
29 All-Ocean Springs Record Team: Darren McCaleb, Carlton Cotten,  
30 Clarence Cotten, Jared Landrum, Josh Ladner, Esau Smith, Delmas  
31 Holley, Sean Merrill, Robby Ellis, Jason Hockaday and Tommy  
32 Searight; and

33           WHEREAS, Jason Hockaday was named as the Ocean Springs Record  
34 Defensive Player of the Year, Carlton Cotten was selected as The  
35 Sun Herald and the Ocean Springs Record Offensive Player of the  
36 Year, and Sean Merrill was named as the MAC Defensive Player of  
37 the Year; and

38           WHEREAS, the Warriors were superbly coached and inspired by  
39 Head Coach Louis Smith and assistant coaches, Brad Talley, Glenn  
40 Geshmann, Ted Williams, Eddie Wayne Whitehead, Keith Marsland and  
41 Brad Pickich; and

42           WHEREAS, Coach Louis Smith has brought additional honor to  
43 himself and to d'Iberville High School by being selected as Coach  
44 of the Year by The Sun Herald and the Ocean Springs Record, and  
45 being named as the Class 4A District 8 Coach of the Year and the  
46 MAC Class 4A Coach of the Year; and

47           WHEREAS, the d'Iberville High School Warriors have developed  
48 a winning and cooperative spirit and a superb degree of  
49 sportsmanship, and their outstanding season and attitude reflect  
50 great credit upon the individual players and their coaches and  
51 bring great honor to d'Iberville High School; and

52           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of  
53 Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence, especially when  
54 evidenced by the young people of our state, who are its future:

55           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
57 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the d'Iberville High  
58 School Warriors Football Team and Coach Louis Smith for their  
59 outstanding 2002 season, for winning the Class 4A State



60 Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their  
61 athletic endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to d'Iberville High School, Coach Louis Smith and  
64 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

