

By: Representatives Warren, Davis

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SEMINARY HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
3 2003 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Seminary High School Bulldogs Football Team
5 finished the 2003 season with an outstanding, undefeated record of
6 15 wins and no losses, becoming only the fourth school in 2A
7 Division history to do so, and winning the Class 2A State
8 Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' 45-14 victory over the Booneville Blue
10 Devils constituted a milestone at Seminary High School by being
11 the first team to capture a state title in the school's history;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs performed very well in tournament and
14 state playoffs this year, winning the JCJC 7-on-7 Championship,
15 the District 7-2A Championship and the 2A South State
16 Championship, in addition to the overall Class 2A State
17 Championship and finishing the season ranked No. 1 in the State of
18 Mississippi by *The Clarion Ledger* for Division 2A teams; and

19 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
20 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play
21 this season, including Jacob Turner receiving the titles of All-
22 State Defensive Player of the Year and District 7-2A Defensive
23 Most Valuable Player, the naming of Brandon Hopstein and Tim
24 Holloway to the 1st Team All-State, Mike Watts and Derwin Cooley
25 to the 2nd Team All-State, and the selection of Brandon Hopstein,
26 Tim Holloway, Mike Watts, Matthew Mauldin, Marcus Duplessy, Kyle
27 Sullivan and Brandon Hicks to the 1st Team All-District; and

28 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs have been superbly coached and inspired
29 by Head Coach Lance Mancuso and Assistant Coaches Eddie Lofton,
30 Chris Peden and Brian Rials, who have broadened the Bulldogs'
31 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

32 WHEREAS, Coach Mancuso has brought additional honor to
33 himself and to Seminary High School by being selected as Area
34 Coach of the Year, Mississippi High School Activities Association
35 Coach of the Year for Class 2A, *Hattiesburg American* Coach of the
36 Year and WDAM Coach of the Year; and

37 WHEREAS, having forced three shutouts, scoring 542 points and
38 allowing only 164 points this season, the Bulldogs have developed
39 a winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree of
40 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great
41 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring
42 honor to Seminary High School; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
44 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
45 our state, who are its future:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Seminary High School
49 Bulldogs Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach Lance Mancuso
50 and Assistant Coaches Eddie Lofton, Chris Peden and Brian Rials,
51 for their outstanding 2003 season, for winning the Class 2A State
52 Championship, and for displaying tireless devotion to their
53 athletic endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Seminary High School, Head Coach Lance Mancuso and
56 Assistant Coaches Eddie Lofton, Chris Peden, Brian Rials and to
57 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.