

By: Senator(s) Walls, Simmons, Clarke

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 593

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BENOIT-RAY BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOR WINNING ITS SECOND
3 CONSECUTIVE CLASS 1A STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND ITS
4 OUTSTANDING 2003-2004 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the Benoit-Ray Brooks High School "Tigers"
6 Basketball Team won its second consecutive Class 1A State
7 Championship on Saturday, March 13, 2004, with a thrilling 54-50
8 victory over Byers High School, before an estimated crowd of 3,500
9 at the Mississippi Coliseum; Ray Brooks held its ground after
10 Byers mounted a furious comeback attempt during the final quarter;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Ray Brooks High School is the smallest school in the
13 State of Mississippi, with an enrollment of under 300 students,
14 and with this victory, the student body and the community of
15 Benoit went home with back-to-back championships to call their
16 own; and

17 WHEREAS, Ray Brooks High School, which completed this
18 outstanding season with a record of 23-9 is only in its third year
19 of existence; originally, the students in Benoit attended West
20 Bolivar in Rosedale, but these students have a new school to
21 attend and another championship to celebrate as their own; and

22 WHEREAS, on their way to the State Championship, the Ray
23 Brooks Tigers won their District Championship and the Class 1A
24 South-Half Title; and

25 WHEREAS, the Tigers were a very physical team, ably coached
26 by Head Coach S.C. Cannon and Assistant Coaches Dexter Bryant,
27 Jerry Walker, Terry Leonard and Peris Leonard; and

28 WHEREAS, Senior Guard James Giles (who was awarded prior to
29 the championship game the coveted and prestigious "Big Dog" Award
30 by the Mississippi National Guard), Junior Guard Jimmie Kimble and
31 Senior Forward Jeffrey Phillips were named to the All-Tournament
32 Team; and

33 WHEREAS, the 2004 roster of this championship team is as
34 follows: #14 Christopher Brooks, #11 Elliott Davis, #55 Adrian
35 Dillard, #5 James Giles, #32 Lavarus Giles, #20 Corderro Ireland,
36 #22 Jimmy Kimble, #00 Damien Leslie, #10 David Leslie, #12 Wayne
37 Leslie, #4 Travis McGee, #21 Eric Nelson, #3 Kozialski Nelson, #15
38 Jeffrey Phillips, Johnny Lewis - Manager, Lorenzo Thomas -
39 Manager, Anthony Rivera - Manager, Teela Rivera - Bookkeeper; and

40 WHEREAS, according to the players that made it happen,
41 capturing the school's second straight State Title was all a
42 matter of having faith in each other; and

43 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the special
44 accomplishments of this team which brought honor and identity to
45 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Benoit-Ray Brooks High
49 School "Tigers" Basketball Team, Head Coach S.C. Cannon, Principal
50 Barbara C. Akon, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Hawley and Associate
51 Superintendent Sherry Shepard for their second consecutive State
52 Class 1A Championship and their outstanding 2003-2004 season, and
53 extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature for future
54 scholastic and athletic successes.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Coach Cannon and the team and the Principal of Benoit-Ray Brooks
57 High School, Barbara C. Akon, and be made available to the Capitol
58 Press Corps.