

By: Representatives Barnett, Moak

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BROOKHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR
3 OUTSTANDING SEASON OF PLAY FOR 2004 AND WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI
4 HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, ranked number one in the preseason poll, the
6 Brookhaven (Ole Brook) High School Panthers Football Team finished
7 the 2004 season with an impressive record of fourteen wins and one
8 loss, ranked number six in the state and won the Mississippi High
9 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 4A State Championship;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Panthers made their mark in the school's record
12 book finishing the season with a thirteen game winning streak and
13 winning the 2004 Class 4A State Championship by defeating
14 Clarksdale 29-23 before an estimated 12,000 spectators, the first
15 state title in the school's history; and

16 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
17 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated and
18 superior play and their hard work this season, including: the
19 naming of Jimmy Johns as 4A Most Valuable Player, Ronny McNulty as
20 4A Offensive Player of the Year and Jessie Bowman as 4A Defensive
21 Player of the Year; the selection of Michael Thrasher, Bud
22 Chatman, Grant McDonnieal, Taurean Jones, Darius Perkins, Eric
23 Edwards, Anthony Caffie, Virgil Sanders and Marlon Dixon to the
24 All-Region First Team; and honorable mention selection of Zach
25 Ray, Tyler Gatlin, Kody Perrett, Charles Wilson, Bart Sias,
26 Richard Alvarado, Will Thibodeaux, Brandt Hinton, Orlandus
27 Chapman, Jerome Avery and Montral Smith; and

28 WHEREAS, the Panthers have been superbly coached and inspired
29 by Head Coach Tucker Peavey and Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson,
30 Patrick Hardy, Jaymie Palmer, Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister, who
31 have broadened the team's knowledge of the game and refined their
32 skills in execution; and

33 WHEREAS, the Ole Brook coaching staff has brought additional
34 honor to Brookhaven High School by being named "Coaching Staff of
35 the Year"; and

36 WHEREAS, the Ole Brook Panthers have been supported in their
37 athletic endeavors and can attribute much of their success to the
38 many parents, fans and supporters whose moral and spiritual
39 encouragement have remained fervent throughout the season; and

40 WHEREAS, the Panthers have developed a winning and
41 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their
42 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual
43 players and their coaches and bring honor to Brookhaven High
44 School; and

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

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Brookhaven
51 High School Panthers Football Team and their coaches, Head Coach
52 Tucker Peavey and Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson, Patrick Hardy,
53 Jaymie Palmer, Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister for their phenomenal
54 2004 season, for winning the Class 4A South Mississippi
55 Championship and the Class 4A State Championship and for
56 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to Brookhaven High School, Head Coach Tucker Peavey and
59 Assistant Coaches Rod Henderson, Patrick Hardy, Jaymie Palmer,

60 Eric Stokes and Trevor Brister and to the members of the Capitol
61 Press Corps.