

By: Senator(s) White, Dearing

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 550

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 BYRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER SQUAD FOR WINNING THE 2004  
3 NATIONAL CHEERLEADERS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on December 29, 2004, the Byram Middle School  
5 Cheerleaders met their ultimate goal by winning the 2004 National  
6 Cheerleaders Association National Championship in the Intermediate  
7 Junior High/Middle School Division held in Dallas, Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, this championship was a dream of all 19 girls from  
9 the time they received their bid to Nationals in June at camp,  
10 until they finished their final routine on the 29th of December;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders consist of:  
13 7th Graders-Lauren Alford, Allison Higbee, Tara Hilton, Kristen  
14 Melton, Rebecca Ross (Co-Captain) and Morgan Stringer; Mascot-Drew  
15 Blakely; and Manager-Hannah King; Eighth Graders-Jennifer Byrd,  
16 Carcia Carson, Nikki Dramis, Sallianne Dudley, Noel Johnson,  
17 Olivia King, Bethany Lasseter, Allison Morris, Mackenzie Pettit,  
18 Mae Slay, Blaire Whitehead (Captain), Shelby Wilkinson, and  
19 Nichelle Willis; and

20 WHEREAS, twelve of the 8th grade cheerleaders have been  
21 cheering together for the past two years. All 19 cheerleaders,  
22 mascot, and manager maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all  
23 academic subjects. All participants of Byram Middle School  
24 Cheerleaders are on the Honor Roll and many are on the Principal's  
25 List. They have persevered through injuries such as a broken  
26 nose, a broken tailbone, a broken wrist, torn ligaments, strained  
27 muscles, and pulled muscles. The team members overcame adversity

28 with the tenacity, determination, work ethic, team spirit and  
29 cooperative attitude that are the hallmark of champions; and  
30 WHEREAS, the current squad listed above has received the  
31 following awards in 2004: 2004 Champion Chant winners at NCA  
32 Camp; 2004 Top Team Finalist; 2004-eight All-American Nominees  
33 (Jennifer Byrd, Carcia Carson, Sallianne Dudley, Olivia King,  
34 Bethany Lasseter, Rebecca Ross, Blaire Whitehead, and Nichelle  
35 Willis) and two All-Americans (Jennifer Byrd and Bethany  
36 Lasseter); 2004 Deep South Regional Second Place Large Junior High  
37 Division; 2004 Mississippi High School Activities Association  
38 Second Place Large Junior High Division; 2004 NCA Innovative  
39 Choreography Award (presented to our choreographer Carlos Stokes  
40 of Central Mississippi Cheer and Deep South Cheer in Ridgeland);  
41 and the most prestigious award of all, 2004 NCA National Champions  
42 Intermediate Junior High Division held in Dallas, Texas, December  
43 27-29, 2004; and

44 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders have been  
45 coached by Susan Heiden for the past 2 1/2 years. She is a highly  
46 qualified 8th grade Science Teacher at Byram Middle School and has  
47 taught in the Hinds County School District for eight years; and

48 WHEREAS, the Byram Middle School Cheerleaders participate in  
49 community service activities by spending time with nursing home  
50 activities through the Beta Club, hosting cheerleading clinics for  
51 the community, and working with the residents of CARES, a part of  
52 the Mississippi Children's Home Association, hosting a cheerleader  
53 clinic; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
55 accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have brought  
56 honor to their school, to the parents and citizens of Byram and  
57 Terry, and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
60 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Byram Middle School

61 Cheerleader Squad and Coach Susan Heiden for winning the 2004  
62 National Cheerleaders Association Championship and extend to them  
63 the best wishes of the Legislature for success in their future  
64 athletic and scholastic endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
66 the Byram Middle School Cheerleader Squad and be made available to  
67 the Capitol Press Corps.