

By: Representatives Rotenberry, Warren,
Eaton, Hudson, Moore, Stringer, Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SIMPSON COUNTY ACADEMY COUGARS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACH BILLY
3 HANKINS FOR THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MISSISSIPPI PRIVATE SCHOOL
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Simpson County Academy Cougars Football Team
6 managed to pull off another impressive season of play to capture
7 the team's third consecutive Mississippi Private School
8 Association Class 2A State Championship, defeating the Copenh
9 Academy Colonels Team by a score of 14-7; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cougars "3-Peat" marks the team's fourth State
11 Championship (1973, 2003, 2004 and 2005), in an accumulated 15
12 straight winning seasons and 10 consecutive district championships
13 without a district loss; and

14 WHEREAS, led by an outstanding group of seniors, whose
15 2005-2006 achievements boast an impressive 38-2 record, the
16 Cougars matched skill, tactics and wit to outmaneuver and outscore
17 their well-trained competitors; and

18 WHEREAS, guided by the experienced and learned Head Coach
19 Billy Wayne Hankins, who was assisted by Drummonds McAlpin,
20 Winston Mullins, David Holbrook and Shea Patterson, the Cougar
21 coaches set a new standard for excellence in the 2005 march to the
22 championship; and

23 WHEREAS, immensely affected by the devastation of Hurricane
24 Katrina, the team took time out from an abbreviated football
25 season to raise money for the Red Cross; and

26 WHEREAS, during this special season, a three-year consecutive
27 win record ended at 33 consecutive games, and the Cougars had to
28 "win-out" to make the District Tournament, overcoming doubts from

29 the media, and winning the trophy to prove their champion status;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the Cougars have been touted with several individual
32 honors, including premier performances by running back Shannon
33 Steed, who finished the season with 1,984 yards, only three yards
34 behind the state record; quarterback Ben Maddox, who finished the
35 season with 612 yards on 76 carries; fullback Clark Wallace, who
36 gained 433 yards on 88 carries; and defensively, Clark Wallace and
37 Jeremy "Rooster" Duckworth, who led the team with 53 and 50
38 tackles, respectively; and

39 WHEREAS, the team was heavily supported by the hometown
40 crowd, on and off the field, which was particularly evident in
41 games on the road, and it is with great pride that we salute the
42 championship season of this team of student athletes who have
43 brought honor to their school, their community and to the State of
44 Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
47 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Simpson
48 County Academy Cougars Football Team, Coach Billy Hankins and the
49 entire coaching staff for their third consecutive Mississippi
50 Private School Association Class 2A State Championship and we wish
51 them continued success in all their future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Headmistress Jane Hubbard, Head Coach Billy Hankins,
54 *The Magee Courier* and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.