

By: Representative Read

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE GAUTIER HIGH
2 SCHOOL GATORS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH JOE GATSCHET FOR THEIR
3 PHENOMENAL 2005-2006 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE 4A SOUTH STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND RUNNER-UP FOR THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
5 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, the Gautier High School Gators Soccer Team finished
7 the 2005-2006 season with a remarkable record of 22-3-2, capturing
8 the 4A South State Championship and finishing runner-up for the
9 Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A State
10 Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout the regular season and playoffs, the
12 Gators fought and defeated many well-trained teams, and captured
13 the Division 7 Class 4A Championship with an undefeated record of
14 8-0; and

15 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
16 various team members in recognition of their dedicated, superior
17 play and hard work this season, including the selection of Jake
18 Jones, Chris Penton, Josh Burnsed, Jared Fagan and Kyle Hutchinson
19 to the All-Division Team; the naming of Josh Burnsed, Jaimee Noel
20 and Chris Penton to the Sun Herald All-Coast Team; the naming of
21 Chris Penton as Sun Herald Coast Player of the Year; and the
22 selection of Josh Burnsed and Chris Penton to the Mississippi
23 Association of Coaches All-Star Team; and

24 WHEREAS, excelling academically as well as athletically,
25 several players have received scholarships for their dual ability
26 to excel, including: Jake Jones and Jared Fagan (Mississippi Gulf
27 Coast Community College), Josh Burnsed (William Carey College),

28 Kyle Hutchinson (Meridian Community College) and Chris Penton
29 (Mississippi College); and

30 WHEREAS, the Gators have been superbly coached and inspired
31 by Head Coach Joe Gatschet, who has broadened the Gators'
32 knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Gatschet has brought additional honor to
34 himself and Gautier High School by being named Division Team Coach
35 of the Year and Sun Herald Coach of the Year; and

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

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

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

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend and congratulate the Gautier High School Gator Soccer
50 Team, Head Coach Joe Gatschet for their phenomenal 2005-2006
51 season and for winning the 4A South State Championship and
52 finishing runner-up for the Mississippi High School Activities
53 Association Class 4A State Championship.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Gautier High School, Head Coach Joe Gatschet and to
56 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.