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 Doxey, Turner, Hyde-Smith, Lee (35th), Lee
 (47th), Wilemon, Jordan, Burton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 609

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
 2 COAHOMA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "RED PANTHERS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND
 3 COACH ISAAH PETERSON FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE MPSAA
 4 CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, Coahoma County High School "Red Panthers" Coach
 6 Isaiah Peterson hoisted the "Gold Ball" trophy for his team and
 7 loyal Coahoma County fans for leading his players to their second
 8 consecutive Mississippi Class 2A State Championship at the
 9 Coliseum in Jackson, Mississippi, on Friday, March 10, 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, Ravern Johnson (6-foot-7 swingman) hit every shot in
 11 the book from the opening tip-off to lead "The Big Red Machine" to
 12 a wire-to-wire 68-61 win over Bay Springs in claiming the
 13 championship trophy for the second time since the school split
 14 from Clarksdale High School in 1965 some 40 years ago; and

15 WHEREAS, the game ended with Coahoma County on top, much to
 16 the delight of four busloads of students and a caravan of cars
 17 with loyal Coahoma County fans who rushed the court and nearby
 18 stands; and

19 WHEREAS, this was the third 2A title for fifth season Coahoma
 20 County Coach Isaiah Peterson, who led Broad Street High School to
 21 the championship in 1989; Coach Peterson and Assistant Coach
 22 Derrick Moore were masterful in the championship game; and

23 WHEREAS, the Red Panthers finished the championship season
 24 35-5 and won the Delta Valley Conference, and the Division 3
 25 Tournament on the way to the State Championship; and

26 WHEREAS, members of the team are Terrance Calvin, Terrance
 27 Conner, Ravern Johnson, Daryl Moore, Roy Alexander, Darius Taylor,
 28 Lester Rosebur, Horace Whitehead, Jermez Watson, Franky Maiden,

29 James Bryant, Oxtabious Payne, Eddie Gilky, DeCarlo Holly,
30 Semarcio Bailey and Bryant Hightower, Team Manager; and

31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
32 accomplishment of this group of student athletes who have brought
33 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
34 Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Coahoma County "Red
38 Panthers" Boys Basketball Team and Coach Isaiah Peterson for their
39 exciting victory to win their second consecutive Class 2A State
40 Championship and extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature
41 for their future athletic and academic successes as they work
42 toward a 3-Peat in 2A basketball in 2007.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 the Red Panthers Team and Coach Peterson, and be made available to
45 the Capitol Press Corps.