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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 521

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SOUTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 RICKY WOODS FOR WINNING THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT UNDEFEATED SEASON
4 AND THE CLASS 5A CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the latest chapter of the Panola High School Tiger
6 dynasty might be the most satisfying of all for incredibly
7 successful football Coach Ricky Woods. South Panola capped a
8 fourth straight 15-0 season on Friday, December 1, 2006, by
9 beating Meridian 28-21 in the Class 5A final in a thrilling match
10 before an estimated crowd of 14,000 at Mississippi Veterans
11 Memorial Stadium for an unprecedented fourth consecutive
12 Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) State Title;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Tigers survived a relentless comeback effort
15 from Meridian, but this victory will take their state record
16 streak, now at 60 games, into their 2007 opener at the Red Carpet
17 Bowl in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, the Tigers added another feather in their cap with
19 the No. 1 ranking in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super 10, which is right
20 where South Panola began the season during the swelter of August;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, South Panola's six State Championships match the
23 state record established by Weir High School. The Tigers' fourth
24 State Championship ("four-closure") follows last year's
25 ("three-peat") Championship which was also a state record. South
26 Panola has played in nine State Championships since the series
27 began in 1983; and

28 WHEREAS, there were a few close games along the way for a
29 program who's state-record winning streak has now reached 60 games
30 dating back to the beginning of the 2003 season. Five teams,
31 Clarksdale, Moss Point, Olive Branch, Provine and Meridian, played
32 the Tigers within 10 points, a feat of sorts that happened just
33 once in the previous four seasons. "We were really searching for
34 our identity, but at the end we finally found out," said Coach
35 Woods, who's record is 74-1 since his 2002 arrival in Batesville,
36 Mississippi; and

37 WHEREAS, *The Clarion-Ledger* 2006 All-State Football Team
38 featured 6-3, 260 pound South Panola Senior Linebacker Chris
39 Strong, who was named "Mr. Football" for 2006. Chris owns four
40 State Championship rings. Strong lived up to his preseason
41 billing as the state's most heralded prospect, powering a defense
42 that always seemed to rise to the occasion. He's a fierce hitter
43 who can cover sideline to sideline and is blessed with remarkable
44 closing speed for his size. His 2006 statistics: 53 tackles; 19
45 assists; and 5 sacks; and

46 WHEREAS, other members of the 2006 All-State Football Team
47 from South Panola include:

48 • Jeramie Griffin, 6-0, 225 pound Senior Running Back.
49 Griffin saw action at fullback and tailback; his size,
50 speed and pass-catching ability gave him the potential
51 to be a feature back at the next level. His 2006
52 statistics: 174 rushes; 1,288 yards; 7.4 average yards
53 per carry; and 19 touchdowns.

54 • Kevin Young, 5-11, 190 pound Senior Linebacker.
55 Young played like a heat-seeking missile, seemingly
56 always around the football. He lined up at outside
57 linebacker and safety, providing an ideal complement to
58 Chris Strong with his versatility. His 2006 statistics:
59 53 tackles; 14 assists; 3 interceptions; 3 forced
60 fumbles; and 7-1/2 sacks.

61 • Darius Barksdale, 5-11, 190 pound Junior Defensive
62 Back. "Tig" might be the state's most dynamic two-way
63 player as a running back and free safety. He was
64 capable of making a big play from anywhere on the field
65 as evidenced by his 84-yard touchdown dash and
66 fumble-causing sack in the 5A title game. His 2006
67 statistics: 35 tackles; 4 interceptions; 1,042 rushing
68 yards; and 9 touchdowns.

69 • Second Team members included Quarterback Leroy Diggs,
70 5-10, 185 pound Senior; and Offensive Lineman Cameron
71 Wagner, 5-10, 290 pound Junior; and

72 WHEREAS, the 2006 South Panola Tiger Team and Tiger Coaches
73 are as follows: Chris Strong, LB; Jeramie Griffin, FB; David
74 Renfroe, P/K/QB; Marvin Burdette, LB; Mario Nash, QB; Xavier Lee,
75 QB; Montez Austin, WR/DB; Kevin Young, LB; Bud Barksdale, LB;
76 Marcus Lee, WR; David Conner, DB/QB; Reuben Corley, FB; Tigg
77 Barksdale, DB/RB; Ira Perry, LB/FB; Leroy Diggs, QB/DB; David
78 Baker, TE; Justin Market, WR/RB; Travius Butler, WR; Chris Butler,
79 DB; Anthony Ladd, DE; Stanley McMiller, DB; Danny Humphrey, DB;
80 Ortiss Robertson, LB; Aaron Wilson, WR; Quinterous Wright, RB/DB;
81 Rodney Diggs, LB; Miquel Reyes, DL; Jason Milam, DB; Jeremy
82 Harris, LB; Maurice Market, LB; LaReco Lee, FB; Nick Johnson, LB;
83 D'Angelo Carr, DB; C.J. Sowden, LB; Ladarius Jones, DB; Joshua
84 Shipp, LB; Demario Kincaid, LB; Terrance Griffin, TB; Darryl
85 Thomas, LB; Derek Thomas, TE; Justin Carothers, FB; Vandell
86 Pollard, TE; Marquis Shegog, LB; Marlon Wilks, DE; Laroyis
87 Chapman, DB; Jevon Robertson, TE; Jemarcus Hardrick, OL/DE; Quin
88 Sanford, OL; Marjarvin Chapman, DL; Jonathan Hardin, OL; Don
89 Blevins, OL; Josh Forehand, OL; Jarred Draper, DL; Nick Sledge,
90 DL; Deshun Sandridge, DL; Cordarrius McMurry, OL; Justin Hardrick,
91 DE; Kendrick Strong, DL; J.R. Irvin, OL; Cameron Wagner, OL;
92 Hunter Bailey, OL; Jonathan Wilson, OL; Kenterris Williams, OL;
93 Adam McCachren, LB; Demetrius Dunn, LB; Kendrick Gray, WR;

94 Terrance Pope, TE/DE; Wesley Jefferson, DE; Roderick Jefferson,
95 WR; Okoya McGee, WR; Allen House, WR; Jeremy Johnson, TE; Charles
96 Corley, DE; Head Coach/Athletic Director Ricky Woods; Assistant
97 Coaches: John Davis, Willis Wright, Arnie Oakes, Trenell Edwards,
98 Michael Fair, Mark Weaver, Lucian King, Gary Sims; and

99 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
100 singular achievement of this talented group of student athletes
101 whose incredible success of four seasons and 60 wins have brought
102 honor to their school, their enthusiastic community and to the
103 State of Mississippi:

104 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
105 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
106 we do hereby commend and congratulate the South Panola High School
107 "Tigers" Football Team and Head Coach Ricky Woods for winning
108 their fourth straight undefeated season and the Class 5A
109 Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for future
110 academic and athletic success.

111 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
112 Principal Dr. Gearl Loden and Superintendent Dr. Keith Shaffer for
113 the team and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.