

By: Senator(s) Burton, Dearing, Frazier,  
Horhn, Posey, White

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 624

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 FOREST HIGH SCHOOL "BEARCATS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH  
3 ROY PINKSTON FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR  
4 THEIR OUTSTANDING 2006-2007 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, playing before a sea of red Forest shirts that made  
6 the Mississippi Coliseum feel like the Bearcats' home in Durwood  
7 Smith Gymnasium, the Forest High School "Bearcats" Boys Basketball  
8 Team defeated the Carthage "Tigers" on Thursday, March 15, 2007,  
9 to complete their checklist of championships by winning the Class  
10 3A State Title. The Bearcats finished the 2006-2007 campaign with  
11 an outstanding record of 32-5; and

12 WHEREAS, Forest beat a Carthage team which they had already  
13 defeated 3 out of 4 times during the regular season and in the  
14 Divisional Tournament, but it is very difficult to beat the same  
15 team 4 times in the same season. Head Coach Roy Pinkston stated  
16 that it indicates the strength of the district to have these two  
17 teams playing for the title; and

18 WHEREAS, the Bearcats won the ECCC Tournament, the Central  
19 Mississippi Classic, the Scott County Tournament, the Division  
20 5-3A Tournament and the 3A South State Tournament on the road to  
21 their State Championship, which qualified them to participate in  
22 the Grand Slam Tournament in Tupelo; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Pinkston, who is assisted by Coach Sheldon  
24 Thomas, attributed this championship season to the great support  
25 of the hometown fans, who travel very well; and

26 WHEREAS, the following team members achieved individual  
27 honors: All-District: Rod Lofton (MVP), Ahmad Summers, Jeffery  
28 Crump, Robert Williams, Vicente Parker; All-South State: Jeffery

29 Crump, Rod Lofton, Robert Williams, Ahmad Summers; All-State: Rod  
30 Lofton, Lavadius Lyles, Ahmad Summers; and

31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
32 excellence and the achievements of this group of student athletes,  
33 who have brought honor to their school, their community and to the  
34 State of 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 Forest High School  
38 "Bearcats" Boys Basketball Team and Head Coach Roy Pinkston for  
39 winning the Class 3A State Championship and for their outstanding  
40 2006-2007 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the  
41 Legislature in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
43 Coach Pinkston and the Principal of Forest High School, forwarded  
44 to the School Board of the Forest Municipal School District and be  
45 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.