

By: Senator(s) Simmons, Williamson, Dawkins, Walls, Horhn, Turner, Jackson (11th), Jordan, Butler, Hyde-Smith, Chaney, Clarke, Dearing, Frazier

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 631

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 INDIANOLA GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL "LADY RAMS" GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM AND  
3 HEAD COACH CHARLES WILLIAMS FOR THEIR PERFECT 2006-2007 SEASON, 4A  
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
5 ASSOCIATION GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, who's the No. 1 girls basketball team in the state?  
7 Indianola Gentry High School answered that question Saturday,  
8 March 17, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, the "Lady Rams" completed a perfect season with a  
10 thrilling 63-58 victory over Murrah in a much-anticipated No. 1  
11 vs. No. 2 title game showdown in the Mississippi High School  
12 Activities Association Grand Slam; and

13 WHEREAS, Gentry, ranked No. 2 in *The Clarion-Ledger* Super 10,  
14 finished 40-0 to become the first Mississippi High School  
15 Activities Association team (boys or girls) to go unbeaten since  
16 the Yazoo County Lady Panthers did it in 1999-2000. In the  
17 process, the Class 4A State Champion Lady Rams staked their claim  
18 as the undisputed best team in Mississippi by knocking off the 5A  
19 Champions, ranked No. 1 in the Super 10 and No. 14 nationally by  
20 *USA Today*; and

21 WHEREAS, "We felt like we had something to prove," said  
22 Gentry Dandy Dozen Senior Sarita Cooper. "All season I felt that  
23 we should have been No. 1 the whole time." Cooper and frontcourt  
24 mate Veronica Walker -- who helped the school win its first Gold  
25 Ball Class 4A Championship on March 10, 2007 -- made sure they  
26 delivered the Silver Trophy back to the Delta as well; and

27 WHEREAS, "It was a great day for us," Head Coach Charles  
28 Williams said. "But let's be honest, this is why we came here.

29 To win the tournament. This has been an unbelievable year for us.  
30 You have to live it to believe it"; and

31 WHEREAS, on the road to the Overall State Championship, the  
32 Lady Rams won the Coahoma County Tournament, the Ram Holiday  
33 Classic Tournament, the NCAC Tournament, the Division 3-4A  
34 Tournament, the North State Tournament, and of course the 4A State  
35 Tournament and the Mississippi High School Activities Association  
36 Grand Slam Championship; and

37 WHEREAS, the following team members earned special  
38 recognition: Sarita Cooper: All-District, All-Conference,  
39 All-State; Veronica Walker: All-District, All-Conference,  
40 All-State; Laneisha Jennie: All-Conference and All-State; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
42 landmark season accomplished by a group of student athletes who  
43 have brought honor to their school, their community and to the  
44 State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Indianola Gentry High  
48 School "Lady Rams" Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Charles  
49 Williams for their perfect 2006-2007 season, Class 4A State  
50 Championship and MHSAA Grand Slam Overall State Championship, and  
51 extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature for continued  
52 athletic and academic success.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
54 Head Coach Charles Williams and the Principal of Gentry High  
55 School, be forwarded to the School Board of the Indianola School  
56 District and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.