MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2007

By: Senator(s) Michel, Frazier, Horhn To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 638

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL "SAINTS" BOYS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH ERIC JOHNSON FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT 1A/2A/3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the latest chapter of the St. Andrews "SAINTS" dynasty might be the most satisfying of all and that St. Andrews, over the past five years, have been the 1A/2A/3A State Champions Semifinalist and the State Champions for the past two consecutive years. The "SAINTS" finished their season with a 12-6-1 record and a second consecutive Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Boys Soccer State Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, the "SAINTS" were named in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) February 13, 2007, poll as No. 9 in Regional II of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the "SAINTS" have been ranked as a top team in Mississippi for all classifications in *The Clarion Ledger* polls and many of their players have been recognized as Top Performers by *The Clarion Ledger*. In 2007, Aubrey Green, Jordan Hupp, Jerrod Myers, and Timothy Hopper were recognized as Top Performers. Aubrey Green was recognized as the Boys Athlete of the Week by *The Clarion Ledger* in 2007, and Andrew Serio was recognized as the Boys Athlete of the Week in 2006. Aubrey Green was also named to *The Clarion Ledger's* 2007 First Team All-State Boys Soccer Team. Andrew Serio was named to *The Clarion Ledger's* 2006 and 2007 Second Team All-State Boys Soccer Team. Aubrey Green has been selected to play in the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State Soccer Game, which will be played in June, 2007; and

WHEREAS, over the years, a number of the "SAINTS" players have received All-District and All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Eric Johnson is coaching the team for his fifth year, and is a teacher at St. Andrews Episcopal School and is also a coach for the areas most recognized select soccer program in the Jackson Futbol Club. He was selected as Coach of the year in 2006, by the Mississippi Association of Coach's, and in 2007, by the Mississippi Soccer Association; and

WHEREAS, members of the 2007 Mississippi High School Activities Association 1A/2A/3A State Championship Team include:

Seniors: Dennis Daniels, Aubrey Green (Captain), Jordan Hupp, Benson Luk, Shiva Patolla, Andrew Serio, and Steve Stringer;

Juniors: Walker Anderson, Maxwell James, Jeff Lowery, and Sandesh Shettar;

Sophomores: E.B. Martin, Jerrod Myers, Tolu Shekoni, Harpreet Singh, and Sunny Vig;

Freshmen: Connor Buechler, Daniel Duddleston, Timothy Hopper, Will Sneed, John Magruder Sullivan, and Aubrey Threadgill;

8th Graders: Joseph Martin, and Sam Martin; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the singular achievements of this talented group of student athletes whose incredible success of five seasons and two Championships have brought honor to their school, their enthusiastic community, and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the St. Andrews Episcopal School "SAINTS" Boys Soccer Team and Coach Eric Johnson for winning their second straight MHSAA 1A/2A/3A State Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for future academic and athletic success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to the Head Master of St. Andrews and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.