

By: Senator(s) Stone, Butler (38th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 HICKORY FLAT "REBELS" BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND COACH MICHAEL
3 SEGER FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE
4 SCHOOL'S FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP IN 27 YEARS.

5 WHEREAS, the Hickory Flat Attendance Center Boys Cross
6 Country Team returned to the school gymnasium in dramatic fashion,
7 after earning the State Title at the MHSAA Cross Country State
8 Championship at Choctaw Trails in Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1A
9 Division, and two girls team runners, Anna Ostrowski and Gracie
10 Pipkin, came home as All-State runners. The boys team claimed the
11 1A Championship, a title that, according to Principal Barry
12 Goolsby, is the school's first State Championship in any sport in
13 27 years; and

14 WHEREAS, to determine the winning team, the scores of the top
15 five runners from each team are added together and the team with
16 the lowest score wins. In case of a tie, the scores of the sixth
17 and seventh place runners are used as tie-breakers. "We've been
18 telling them all year that if you're first, second, third, even



19 sixth or seventh, that your score really counts," said Coach
20 Michael Seger; and

21 WHEREAS, these students had worked very hard to earn the
22 titles. The boys team had a total time of 1:32:56.40, with an
23 average of 18:35.28. The team's total score was 48 - tying with
24 J.F. Kennedy High School's score of 48. Hickory Flat's Sixth
25 Place runner beat their Sixth Place runner by four points. The
26 boys team had five runners to earn All-State Titles: Luis Ojeda,
27 Jarvis Harris, Datarius Tables, Russell Cross and Logan Nation;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, runners on the boys cross country team included
30 tenth grader Luis Ojeda, who finished in Fourth Place with a time
31 of 18:04.7, had an average mile of 5:49.2 and had 4 points;
32 seventh grader Jarvis Harris, who finished in Fifth Place with a
33 time of 18:29.1, had an average mile of 5:57.0 and had 5 points;
34 eighth grader Dataraius Tables, who finished in Twelfth Place with
35 a time of 18:43.5, had an average mile of 6:01.6 and had 12
36 points; eighth grader Russell Cross, who finished in Thirteenth
37 Place with a time of 18:47.8, had an average mile of 6:03.0 and
38 had 13 points; eighth grader Logan Nation, who finished in
39 Fourteenth Place with a time of 18:51.3, had an average mile of
40 6:04.2 and had 14 points; ninth grader Jacob Gadd, who finished in
41 Twenty-sixth Place with a time of 19:31.9, had an average mile of
42 6:17.2 and had 23 points; eighth grader Trent Gresham, who
43 finished in Forty-sixth Place with a time of 20:20.5, had an



44 average mile of 6:32.9 and had 43 points; and senior Cody Gadd.
45 The girls team had a total time of 1:29:18.70, with an average of
46 17:51.74. The team's total score was 69, just enough to beat
47 Tupelo Christian Prep School, who earned 70, by one point for
48 Second Place; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize these student
50 athletes who have brought honor to their school, their community
51 and to the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Hickory Flat Attendance
55 Center "Rebels" Boys Cross Country Team and Coach Michael Seger
56 for winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship, the school's
57 first championship in 27 years, and extend to the team members,
58 coaches and parents our best wishes for future success.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Coach Segar and Principal Barry Goolsby, forwarded to the Benton
61 County Board of Education and made available to the Capitol Press
62 Corps.

