

By: Senator(s) Barrett, Barnett, Butler
(38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BROOKHAVEN
2 HIGH SCHOOL "PANTHERS" BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM AND COACH SHANNON
3 KNOTT FOR THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL
4 ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, it was a total team effort from everyone wearing an
6 "Ole Brook" racing bib November 8, 2021, at Choctaw Trails when
7 the Brookhaven High School Boys Cross-Country Team won the
8 Mississippi High School Activities Association 5A State
9 Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, it was a third straight title, as the Panthers edged
11 out their rivals from Saltillo High with a 26-22 score; and

12 WHEREAS, the top five finishers from each team are the ones
13 whose scores count toward the point total, and the top 10 were
14 almost exclusively members of those two teams. Brookhaven High
15 Senior Grayson Childress (16:12.7) was the first overall finisher.
16 Senior Sam Arnold (16:38.9) finished second overall. The third
17 Panther across the finish line was Senior Jake Thompson (16:48.3)
18 in third place, and Senior Trey Knott (16:59.6) finished fourth.
19 Brookhaven High School Senior Collin Kellum (17:42.1) came in 12th



20 overall, and Sophomore Wyatt Scott (19:43.7) was the 35th finisher
21 out of the 111-man field; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Panthers beat Saltillo to win their
23 first team title. The next year the Tigers came back to beat
24 Brookhaven High School by a razor-thin margin. The last two
25 years, the Panthers blew out the Tigers from Lee County and the
26 rest of the field as they cruised to capture another title. This
27 season Brookhaven High School went to Saltillo High and defeated
28 their rivals on September 19 in the Saltillo Invitational.
29 Brookhaven High School closed the season having not lost a race to
30 a Mississippi school in 2021; and

31 WHEREAS, Brookhaven High School Coach Shannon Knott said, "It
32 was possibly our best team effort. Our guys will never quit and
33 that's what it took"; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a special
35 group of student athletes whose third championship has brought
36 honor to their school, their community and to the State of
37 Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
40 Brookhaven High School "Panthers" Boys Cross-County Team and Coach
41 Shannon Knott for their third consecutive Mississippi High School
42 Activities Association Class 5A State Championship, and extend to
43 the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
44 successes.



45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Coach Shannon Knott and Brookhaven High School Principal Stacy
47 Walker, forwarded to the Brookhaven School Board, and made
48 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

