

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Barnett, Blackwell,  
Butler (38th), Jackson, Parker

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST  
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE "LADY RANGERS" VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND  
3 HEAD COACH ALLISON BURCHYETT FOR WINNING ITS FIRST-EVER REGION 23  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND MACCC "ACADEMIC TEAM OF THE YEAR".

5 WHEREAS, for the first time since taking the court three  
6 years ago, the Northwest Volleyball Program finished the regular  
7 season as the top overall seed in Region 23. In her three seasons  
8 leading the Northwest Volleyball Program, Coach Allison Burchyett  
9 has taken the program to new heights; and

10 WHEREAS, in their first season, the "Lady Rangers" earned the  
11 program's first victory in just their second match, Northwest came  
12 back last fall and earned 14 victories. Now, not only does the  
13 program have its first winning record, the "Lady Rangers" are also  
14 Region 23 Champions for the first time ever, after defeating Pearl  
15 River 3-0. Northwest did so by taking the first set 25-22,  
16 followed by a 25-16 decision in the second set and a 25-22  
17 third-set win; and

18 WHEREAS, Freshman duo Cristen Cleveland and Kennedy Smith led  
19 the charge for Northwest, earning 12 kills apiece. Cleveland, a



20 Hernando native, also totaled three service aces, followed by two  
21 from Lia Ramos. Ramos, a sophomore, also came away with a  
22 team-high 21 assists, followed by 14 from Hailey Stephens.  
23 Cleveland's performance also continued with 10 digs, trailing only  
24 Kayla Beal's 12 digs for the team high. Ramos also accounted for  
25 nine digs of her own; and

26 WHEREAS, with the victory, Northwest went on to represent  
27 Region 23 in the next stage of postseason competition, the  
28 FCSAA/NJCAA Division II Gulf District Tournament in Palatka,  
29 Florida; and

30 WHEREAS, Northwest Volleyball is 1 of 5 Northwest Teams  
31 earning MACCC Academic Teams of the Year with a 3.72 Team GPA.  
32 Also, Northwest was one of only nine NJCAA Division II programs to  
33 receive a team academic award from the American Volleyball Coaches  
34 Association. For the second year in a row, the "Lady Rangers"  
35 were also the only representative from Region 23 to earn the  
36 award; and

37 WHEREAS, the team consisted of Kaley Rikard of Olive Branch,  
38 Mississippi; Cristen Cleveland of Hernando, Mississippi; Kayla  
39 Beal of Southaven, Mississippi; Brinley Steed of Olive Branch,  
40 Mississippi; De'Aisha Browner of Pontotoc, Mississippi; Amelia  
41 Perkins of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Kennedy Smith of Southaven,  
42 Mississippi; Macy Woods of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Hailey  
43 Stephens of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Micah Swift of Olive  
44 Branch, Mississippi; Lia Ramos of Daphne, Alabama; Emma Norman of



45 Arlington, Tennessee; Kailey Gooch of Oxford, Mississippi;  
46 Caroline Howard, of Pontotoc, Mississippi; Jacia Hayes of Pearl,  
47 Mississippi; and Macye Morgan of Southaven, Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, the team was led by Allison Burchyett, Head Coach;  
49 Ruth Ann Gammell, Volunteer Assistant; Candace Davenport,  
50 Volunteer Assistant; Justin Ware, Athletic Trainer; Taylor Young,  
51 Athletic Trainer; Jake Gordon, Athletic Director; Liesl Mote,  
52 Athletic Academic Advisor; Randall Pharr, Head Strength and  
53 Conditioning Coach; Brian Lentz, Sports Information Director;  
54 Brian Oakley, Assistant Sports Information Director; and Dr.  
55 Michael Heindl, President; and

56 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
57 of student athletes who have brought honor to their college, their  
58 community and to the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
60 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
61 Northwest Mississippi Community College "Lady Rangers" Volleyball  
62 Team and Head Coach Allison Burchyett for winning its first-ever  
63 Region 23 Championship, and extend the best wishes of the  
64 Mississippi Senate to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for  
65 future athletic and academic success.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
67 Head Coach Allison Burchyett and NWMCC President Michael J.  
68 Heindl, PhD., J.D., for the team, forwarded to the NWMCC Board of  
69 Trustees and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

