

By: Representatives Currie, Mangold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BROOKHAVEN
2 HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH DARIEN DORSEY ON
3 WINNING THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
4 (MHSAA) CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Brookhaven High School Panthers Football Team
6 emerged victorious against West Point High School Green Wave in
7 the 2025 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)
8 Class 5A State Championship with a commanding 31-19 victory at the
9 Davis Wade Stadium on the campus of Mississippi State University,
10 securing the team's first state title since 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, finishing the season with an outstanding 12-2
12 record, Brookhaven demonstrated dominance throughout the year and
13 capped off their remarkable campaign with a thrilling comeback in
14 their championship performance that showcased the team's mental
15 stamina and determination along with their exceptional talent; and

16 WHEREAS, the Panthers, nervous in facing the defending West
17 Point state champs boasting a record 13 state championships, had a
18 rough start, trailing at the halftime break 19-10 after having a
19 scoreless first quarter before getting on the board in the second



20 quarter with a 24-yard field goal by Isaac Iles and a 51-yard
21 touchdown run by Jaden Allen in the second quarter; and

22 WHEREAS, after making adjustments during halftime, the
23 Panthers came roaring back in the third quarter, taking a
24 controlling 31-19 lead after Dreamus Harron, Caiden Quarles and
25 Jeremy Bibbs each secured a touchdown while the Panthers' defense
26 completely shut down the Green Wave momentum of the first half;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the team's success was powered by standout
29 performances, including running back, Caiden Quarles, whose
30 rushing for 138 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries earned him the
31 distinction of being named Most Valuable Player in the
32 championship game; and

33 WHEREAS, the Panthers are comprised of the following talented
34 student-athletes: Timmothy Smith, Jeremy Bibbs, Dreamus Harron,
35 EJ Ratliff, Cortavian Dixon, Jaden Allen, Caiden Quarles, Adrian
36 Blakely, Derwin Fields, A'Semiyon Smith, Durrell Washington,
37 Freshawn Stewart, Landon Hardy, Reece McNulty, Crews Stewart,
38 R'Javien McCall, Jeremiah Bibbs, Anthony Johnson, Kyle Smith,
39 Jordan Jones, Kameron Rutland, Zakobi Washington, Tanner Hardy,
40 Jamontae Cooper, Debreeco Mitchell, Jr., Kenvarsite Williams,
41 Mario Smith, Seth Cameron, Jeremiah Merchant, Ralph Brothern,
42 Ayden Belcher, Ethan Walker, Jaylen Robinson, Dezavion Smith,
43 Cortez Cameron, Philip Harris, Elliot Peavey, George Stewart,
44 Jeremiah Robinson, Markiell Robinson, Ladell Nelson, Gunner



45 Bennett, Hampton Smith, Anthony Simmons, Randy Jones, Gavin
46 Collins, Rjarien McCall, William Avery, Benton Turner, Zacarias
47 Richardson, Jaqwan Lewis, Phillip Tobias, David Holloway, Landon
48 Baker, Terrell Bates, Cayden Hargro, Jaylan Jones, Katari Wilson,
49 Fabian Washington, Davion Smith, Danny Hunt, Kaiden Bledsoe,
50 Roderick Henderson, Dazayvian Lloyd, CoDerro McDaniel, Daquavion
51 Lewis, Paise Stewart, Bryan Sanders, Isaac Iles, Kemarjae Lee,
52 Houston Webb, Chernenko Smith and John Trunner; and

53 WHEREAS, Head Coach Darien Dorsey and Assistant Coach Aaron
54 King have superbly coached and inspired the Panthers and broadened
55 their knowledge of the game while refining their skills in
56 execution, and they continue to build upon the legacy of superior
57 play and true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted
58 spirit of each team member; and

59 WHEREAS, the Panthers' remarkable achievement in defeating
60 West Point for the state championship, only the second title in
61 program history, is a testament to the support and pride of the
62 Brookhaven community, whose encouragement and unwavering belief in
63 their team continue to inspire success on and off the field; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
65 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
66 the Brookhaven High School Panthers Football Team, who have
67 brought honor to their school and community and the entire State
68 of Mississippi:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
71 commend and congratulate the Brookhaven High School Football Team
72 and Head Coach Darien Dorsey on winning the 2025 Mississippi High
73 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 5A State Championship
74 and extend best wishes for continued success in all their future
75 athletic and academic endeavors.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
77 furnished to Head Coach Darien Dorsey, on behalf of the Brookhaven
78 High School Panthers Football Team and to the members of the
79 Capitol Press Corps.

