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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE GULFPORT HIGH
2 SCHOOL ADMIRALS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BLAKE PENNOCK ON
3 WINNING THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
4 (MHSAA) CLASS 7A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, on December 6, 2025, in an unbelievable game that
6 will surely forever be remembered in the annals of state
7 championships in Mississippi, the Gulfport High School Admirals
8 Football Team clinched its first title in school history when the
9 team reigned supreme against the Tupelo High School Golden Wave
10 Football Team with a 21-20 last-second win at Davis Wade Stadium
11 on the campus of Mississippi State University; and

12 WHEREAS, finishing the team's most successful season of all
13 time with several program records being made, the Admirals'
14 victory in their first ever matchup with the Golden Wave set a
15 school record for the most wins in a season, with the phenomenal
16 championship title being the 12th consecutive win after rebounding
17 from two early season losses; and

18 WHEREAS, the Admirals, flawlessly 6-0 in region play,
19 recorded its first district title since 2019, while impressively



20 racking up an amazing 514 points in 2025, setting yet another
21 program record for the school's history books; and

22 WHEREAS, making their first appearance at a state
23 championship in 43 years, the Gulfport Admirals entered halftime
24 with a 7-point lead over the defending state champs after Cooper
25 Crosby, named Most Valuable Player for the championship game, ran
26 for a 20-yard touchdown in the first quarter before doubling the
27 score early in the second quarter on a 54-yard touchdown run; and

28 WHEREAS, Tupelo, roaring to win and retain its championship
29 title, strongly emerged from the midgame break and tied the score
30 with a third quarter touchdown before adding six more points in
31 the Golden Waves' final play with only 27 seconds remaining in the
32 fourth quarter, bringing the nail-biting game to a 20-14 lead for
33 the Tupelo squad with less than half a minute before the final
34 buzzer for the Admirals to answer back; and

35 WHEREAS, with just two seconds on the clock, in an
36 unbelievable way seen only in the movies, quarterback Parker
37 Nettles launched a Hail Mary pass on the last play of the game
38 which was tipped in the endzone but, in no less than miraculous
39 fashion, fell into wide receiver Mylan Stubbs' arms, tying the
40 score 20-20 before kicker Carter Platt added the extra point of a
41 lifetime with the clock having expired; and

42 WHEREAS, while the Admirals' brilliant offense racked up a
43 total of 376 yards over 49 plays, the exceptional defense, led by
44 linebackers Andre Peters III and Deandrew Williams, who combined



45 for 21 tackles, were no less impressive in this storybook
46 championship contest; and

47 WHEREAS, the team's success throughout the season would not
48 have been possible without, in Coach Pennock's words, "the heart
49 and resilience of our guys never quitting" and the endless
50 training and hard work of each of the following talented
51 student-athletes who comprise the 2025 Admirals team: Cannon
52 Parker, Syniker Taylor, Amuai Frederick, Javon Anderson, Faviour
53 Hales, Cooper Crosby, Cordarious Payton, Pierre Felder, Jackson
54 Wolverton, Jamarion Davis, Shaw Killabrew, Geziah Davis, Eli
55 Carter, Camden Morgan, Jayonne Pollard, Parker Nettles, Deuce
56 McDonald, Myles McNair, Deandre Williams, Mylan Stubbs, Andre
57 Peters III, Lawrence Peek, Tyrell Seales, Jaden Jones, Carter
58 Platt, Cortell Crandle, Isaiah Ellison, Tyson Otumfor, Kaleb
59 McDonald, Lawrence Robertson, Taijeohn Bruks, Noah Fitzgerald,
60 Jayqualan Peters III, Amari Davis, Avery Amos, Jerondric Dortch,
61 Dalyn Saucier, Zander Carter, Dailen Perkins, Talvador Harry,
62 Mavin Daniel, Jacob Bealer, Cole Hunter, Ty Bush, Micah Bullard,
63 Kayun McDonalds, Neyovaughney Tavale, Kydus Reese, Phillip Towner,
64 Grant Hunter, Darius Davis, Dylan Davis, Braxton Boswell, Jacoby
65 Ray, Antoine Ray, Ja'Marion Moses, Bruce Davis, Jerimiah Lightner,
66 Hunter Smith, Timothy Brown, Chris Harper, Christian Scruggs,
67 Abdual Lovett, Jr., Malachi Smith, Parker Smith, Truett Freeman,
68 Lavell Hall, Khamron Brown, Brantley McKinney, Austin Ray, Cooper
69 Gouin, Jy'savian Causey, Nick Strickland, Aleaton Ausmer, Q'Uron



70 Price, Traylon Rockingham, Kylan Easterling, Jaqurean Smith,
71 Samuel Barnes and Jordyn Fernandez; and team managers and
72 trainers: Colton Ladner, Elijah Warren, Jordyn Crawford, Jakirah
73 Keyes, Jakayiah Robinson, Serenity Wrice and Tyanna Reid; and

74 WHEREAS, the players have been superbly coached and inspired
75 by Head Coach Blake Pennock and assistant coaches Patrick
76 Mooneyham, Zach Green, Cameron Tawater, Justin Jones, James
77 Antonini, Don Smith, Richaud Floyd, Adarius Haralson, Jamal Hall,
78 Chase Cooley, CJ Anderson, Ryan Strong, Lasavon Mangum, Brandon
79 Barna and Carlos Evers, all of whom have broadened the players'
80 knowledge of the game while refining their skills in execution;
81 and

82 WHEREAS, the Admirals' phenomenal achievement in defeating
83 Tupelo in the state championship is a testament to the steadfast
84 support of Athletic Director Matt Walters, School District
85 Superintendent Glen East and the entire Gulfport community, whose
86 encouragement and unwavering belief in their team continue to
87 inspire success on and off the field; and

88 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
89 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as
90 the Gulfport High School Admirals Football Team, who have brought
91 honor to their families, school and community and the entire State
92 of Mississippi:

93 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
94 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



95 commend and congratulate the Gulfport High School Admirals
96 Football Team and Head Coach Blake Pennock on winning the 2025
97 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 7A
98 State Championship and extend best wishes for continued success in
99 all their future athletic and academic endeavors.

100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
101 furnished to Head Coach Blake Pennock on behalf of the Gulfport
102 High School Admirals Football Team and to the members of the
103 Capitol Press Corps.

