

By: Representative Bailey (23rd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CALHOUN CITY  
2 HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH M.D. JENNINGS ON  
3 WINNING THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
4 (MHSAA) CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, on December 4, 2025, in a cold, rain-soaked game  
6 that won't be forgotten for years to come, the Calhoun City High  
7 School Wildcats Football Team emerged victorious against the  
8 Simmons High School Blue Devils in the 2025 Mississippi High  
9 School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A State Championship  
10 with a narrow 14-8 win at Davis Wade Stadium on the campus of  
11 Mississippi State University; and

12 WHEREAS, finishing the season with a phenomenal 13-1 record,  
13 Calhoun City's championship performance in a game marked by the  
14 sloppiest of playing conditions showcased the team's mental  
15 stamina and fierce determination to win along with the players'  
16 exceptional talent; and

17 WHEREAS, Calhoun City, knowing the Blue Devils would be  
18 giving it their all on their third consecutive attempt for a  
19 seemingly elusive championship trophy, had a rough start, with the



20 Blue Devils taking an 8-0 lead in the first quarter before the  
21 Wildcats' Demarious Pittman answered with a six-yard touchdown  
22 followed by a two-point conversion; and

23 WHEREAS, a scoreless second quarter sent both teams to the  
24 locker room at halftime all tied up at 8-8, but with just eight  
25 seconds remaining in the third quarter, the undaunted Wildcats  
26 pounced when running back Xavian Pittman rushed for a 33-yard  
27 touchdown, securing Calhoun's City 14-8 victory that earned the  
28 three-time state champions their first golden ball since 2016; and

29 WHEREAS, with a cold rain pouring down most of the evening,  
30 the championship game was largely a battle of the defenses, with  
31 both teams having suffered three turnovers and combined for a mere  
32 240 yards of offense, but the Wildcats' powerhouse defense reigned  
33 supreme, holding the Blue Devils to just 45 plays and 97 total  
34 yards; and

35 WHEREAS, the team's success throughout the season would not  
36 have been possible without the endless training and hard work of  
37 each of the following talented student-athletes who comprise the  
38 2025 Wildcats football team: Jaylon Jackson, Trell Dorrough,  
39 Jaquavion Jennings, Shane Farmer, Demarious Pittman, Xavian  
40 Pittman, Kejuan Armstrong, Blake Lawrence, Harland Pittman, Bryson  
41 West, Dereon Mays, Kayden Holland, Za Gary, Aden Hill, Brennan  
42 Lawrence, Jamarious Hill, Jamarion Deloach, Kari Ewing, Makavion  
43 Wilson, Makevion Gray, Kayden Hardin, Kemauri Salley, Deshun  
44 Jones, S.J. O'Briant, Javontae Harvey, Joseph Powell, Carson



45 Brumley, Russell Pass, Ty Ford, David Draine and Bryan Bucklely;  
46 and

47 WHEREAS, the players have been superbly coached and inspired  
48 by Head Coach M.D. Jennings and assistant coaches Sawyer Byars,  
49 Cameron Clarke, Travis England, Chakel Gates, Bradley Mitchell and  
50 Justin Moore, all of whom have broadened the players' knowledge of  
51 the game while refining their skills in execution; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
53 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as  
54 the Calhoun City High School Wildcats Football Team, who have  
55 brought honor to their families, school, community and the State  
56 of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
59 commend and congratulate the Calhoun City High School Wildcats  
60 Football Team and Head Coach M.D. Jennings on winning the 2025  
61 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 1A  
62 State Championship and extend best wishes for continued success in  
63 all their future athletic and academic endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
65 furnished to Head Coach M.D. Jennings on behalf of Calhoun City  
66 High School and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

