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**SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 607**

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Juanita Hughes

Secretary

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 607

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PEARL HIGH SCHOOL "PIRATES" BOYS SOCCER TEAM AND HEAD COACH ANDY KIVLAN FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THEIR EIGHTH STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Pearl High "Pirates" Boys Soccer Team defeated the East Central Hornets 6-0 February 5, 2011, in Clinton to win the Mississippi High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, for the Pirates, it is their eighth championship overall and the sixth in the last seven seasons. They finished the season with a record of 19-2-5; and

WHEREAS, senior Wesley Brown led the Pirates as he scored four goals, including three in the first half during which Pearl built an insurmountable 5-0 lead and took the fight out of the Hornets. Twelve minutes into the game, Pirate senior Cody Berry fired a shot past the Hornets' keeper to give Pearl a 1-0 lead. East Central then pushed the action to Pearl's end of the field and mounted their only serious scoring threats in the game, but the Pirate defense repelled the attacks. Early in the second half, Brown powered home another shot to make the final score 6-0. Pearl had other opportunities to score in the second half, but misfired on their shots; and

WHEREAS, with Pearl dominating play in the game, Head Coach Andy Kivlan was able to give many on his team the opportunity to play in the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Pirates have played in the State Finals 10 times in the last 11 seasons. This was the fourth title the Pirates

have won under Coach Kivlan in five seasons. Kivlan also won two State Championships when he coached at St. Stanislaus before coming to Pearl. He said the Pirates played up to their potential against East Central. "I had great expectations for this group even before the season began," he said. "I just had to get them to believe in themselves. I knew they had the talent to compete with anyone in the state. I'm always concerned with either a one-or-two goal lead.

WHEREAS, "in soccer, as fast paced as it is, momentum can change at any time." Pearl's defense, Alex Alexander, Blake McDonald, Josh Saulsbury, Billy Green and Tyler Poe, were excellent throughout the season. They produced 14 shutouts and allowed an average of .6 goals per game. In the playoffs, only one goal was scored on them, and that was from a penalty kick. The driving force behind this squad was their ability to work together; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Pirates State Championship roster is: John Adames, Alex Alexander, Cody Berry, Connor Brennan, Breland Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jeremy Brown, Wesley Brown, Morgan Cauthen, Hunter Davis, Taylor Deese, Dalton Evans, Kyle Gilmore, Billy Green, Bailey Hart, Jonathan Hearld, Johan Marin, Blake McDonald, Caleb McMillan, Nathan Miley, Chase Ming, Dean Mottola, Dillon Pitts, Tyler Poe, Daniel Ray, Will Roberts, Josh Saulsbury, Daniel Scarborough, Chase Williams, DeVaughn Wilson, Scott Wolf, Ryan Worsham; Managers; Emilee Thompson, Kathy Hernandez, Haley Lowery; Head Coach Andy Kivlan and Assistant Coach Chris Rash; and

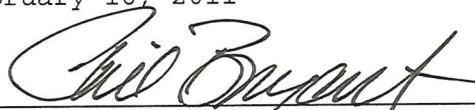
WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the soccer excellence exhibited by this group of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl High School

"Pirates" Boys Soccer Team and Head Coach Andy Kivlan for winning the Mississippi High School Athletic Association Class 5A State Championship, the school's eighth State Soccer Championship and sixth in the last seven seasons, and extend our best wishes to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors on this occasion.

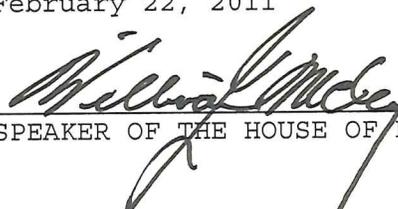
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Coach Kivlan for the team, forwarded to Pearl Principal Matt Dillon and the Pearl School Board, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 16, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 22, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES