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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL "WARRIORS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH NEVIL BARR FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 6A CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Oak Grove High School "Warriors" Football Team are the Mississippi Class 6A State Champs, after defeating one of their rival high schools, Tupelo, in a 14-7 match in 35 degree weather on December 6, 2013. This marks the first time ever in the history of Oak Grove High School that they took home the State Championship in football; and

WHEREAS, the Warriors won the game with a fake field goal play, on which quarterback McCarty, also the holder, threw to a receiver who was lined up unguarded on the outside of the formation for an easy touchdown; and

WHEREAS, it is the first Championship in school history for Oak Grove (14-1) and Coach Nevil Barr (133-38 in 13th season at Oak Grove, 255-114 in 31st season overall), who last guided the Warriors to a Title Game in 2009. Coach Barr has made football

relevant in his 13 years at Oak Grove, and this win was the ultimate coronation; and

WHEREAS, for the Championship Game, quarterback McCarty completed 23 of 40 passes for 268 yards and two touchdowns, including a five-yard pass to Cameron Myers on the Warriors' first possession of the second half to take a 7-0 lead. Jordan Mitchell racked up 149 receiving yards and Mikel Anderson did enough on the ground to keep the defense honest, especially against a Tupelo team (13-2), which prided itself on creating opportunities for its offense this year. Trey Sloan intercepted Tupelo quarterback twice, the last of which sealed Oak Grove's victory; and

WHEREAS, for 32 years, through good times and bad, for a host of head coaches, Steve Young worked as an Assistant Football Coach at Oak Grove High School. Before the 2013 season began, knowing he was planning to retire, Young told the players that he wanted something special as a going-away present. Coach Young was rewarded with the Warriors' Class 6A State Championship, as Oak Grove joined fellow Pine Belt Champions Forrest County Agricultural High School and Bassfield on the field at M.M. Roberts Stadium for the Parade of Champions. A crowd of 600 fans from all three schools lined the streets of the University of Southern Mississippi campus for a parade along the traditional Eagle Walk route honoring the three Championship Teams. Bands and cheerleaders from all three schools joined the players and coaches for a pep rally inside The Rock, where they were individually

introduced. The Pine Belt has never been represented so well as to have so many Champions from such a relatively small radius of each other; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Grove Warriors High School Football Team Roster: Trey Sloan, DB; Jordan Duncan, WR; Roderick Sims, LB; Jason Milsap, DB; Donald Winding, RB; Cameron Myers, QB; Picasso Nelson, Jr., WR; Josh Abram, WR; Mikal Bilal, DB; Chris Booth, DB; Jordan Mitchell, WR; J.C. Keyes, QB; Devonte Durr, DB; Reed Simon, QB; Peter Harper, WR; Jakory Jackson, RB; Kirk McCarty, QB; Jeremy Trask, WR; Ansen Overstreet, DB; Deon Luter, RB; Javarri Pierce, DB; Taylor Braley, DL; Mikel Anderson, RB; Brandon Atkins, LB, RB; Devin Tatum, LB; Isaiah Spencer, DL; J.R. Simpson, DB; Ethan Allen, LB; Hugh Ford, LB; Justin Minor, DB; Antonio Mikell, RB; Donte Pittman, RB; Antawn Sanders, LB; Kendal Parham, WR; John Clayton Nelson, LB; Zack Pittman, RB; Bryan Burkett, DB; Dominic Spearman, RB; Luke Little, K; Rollin Fitton, DB; Darius Petro, DB; John McMahon, LB; Jacob Johnson, DB; Henry Mackey, DB; Austin Speights, P, DB; Dillon Forbes, QB; Alex Smith, DB; Jonah McCleary, DB; Alexander Vaughn, DB; Gaylon Ray, DB; Malik Sturdivant, DB; Nicck Vines, OL; Luke Smith, OL; Gregory Donald, LB; Andrew Rigel, OL; Rakeel Ford, OL; Ty Hampton, LB; AJ Acred, LB; Chaney Lofton, LB; Tannon McSwain, DB; Malachi Fairley, DB; Duncan Thomas, OL; Tyler Daniels, OL; Tyler Owen, OL; Trevelle Carey, LB; Terrance Burrell, DL; Drew Burnham, LS; William Sterling, OL; Johnathan Nguyen, K; Tyler Holder, DL; Diodquin

Oscar, OL; Nick Trahan, DL; Mauricio Hernandez, OL; Adam Parsons, OL; Brian Long, OL; Jakevin Jackson, OL; Randon Knight, OL; Kobe Payton, DL; Ty Pollard, OL; Dalton Bullock, OL; Andrew Lockett, OL; Justin Cooley, DL; Darious Magee, WR; Logan Scott, TE, DL; Darious McGowan, WR; Lawinston Hayes, WR; Nick Smith, WR; Kendrick Lee, WR; Ian Allen, WR; Josh Murphy, WR; Alex Ward, QB; Trey Grantham, WR; Hughston Sanders, WR; Devoskeia Poole, DL; Antonio Wilier, DL; Tevin Durr, DL; Ryan Cullop, DL; Michael Ritter, DL; Cantreal Barnes, DL; Austin Eike, DL; Victor Andrews, DL; Devonte Walker, DL; and Zack Lepore, DL; Head Coach Nevil Barr; Defensive Coordinator Casey Cain; Offensive Coordinator Brett Favre; Strength and Conditioning Sam Morris; Athletic Trainer Kevin Mauldin; Director of Football Operations Bryce McMahon; Athletic Director Chris McCardle; Volunteer J.D. Simpson; Managers, Bryan Rylee and Landon Singletary; and Assistants: Drew Causey, Anthony James, Adam Robertson, Kory Thigpen, Jeff Waites, Steve Young, Jesse Lang, Tony Myers, Sam Thomas, Tim Heldt and Bobby DeLeon; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this special event for a team that stands alone at the top, and has brought honor to their school, their 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 Oak Grove High School

"Warriors" Football Team and Head Coach Nevil Barr for winning their first-ever Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 6A State Championship, and extend our best wishes to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Coach Nevil Barr for the team, forwarded to Oak Grove Principal Helen Price and the Lamar County School Board, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 23, 2014



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 31, 2014



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES