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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HICKORY FLAT "REBELS" BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND COACH MICHAEL SEGER FOR WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE SCHOOL'S FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP IN 27 YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Hickory Flat Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team returned to the school gymnasium in dramatic fashion, after earning the State Title at the MHSAA Cross Country State Championship at Choctaw Trails in Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1A Division, and two girls team runners, Anna Ostrowski and Gracie Pipkin, came home as All-State runners. The boys team claimed the 1A Championship, a title that, according to Principal Barry Goolsby, is the school's first State Championship in any sport in 27 years; and

WHEREAS, to determine the winning team, the scores of the top five runners from each team are added together and the team with the lowest score wins. In case of a tie, the scores of the sixth and seventh place runners are used as tie-breakers. "We've been telling them all year that if you're first, second, third, even

sixth or seventh, that your score really counts," said Coach Michael Seger; and

WHEREAS, these students had worked very hard to earn the titles. The boys team had a total time of 1:32:56.40, with an average of 18:35.28. The team's total score was 48 - tying with J.F. Kennedy High School's score of 48. Hickory Flat's Sixth Place runner beat their Sixth Place runner by four points. The boys team had five runners to earn All-State Titles: Luis Ojeda, Jarvis Harris, Datarius Tables, Russell Cross and Logan Nation; and

WHEREAS, runners on the boys cross country team included tenth grader Luis Ojeda, who finished in Fourth Place with a time of 18:04.7, had an average mile of 5:49.2 and had 4 points; seventh grader Jarvis Harris, who finished in Fifth Place with a time of 18:29.1, had an average mile of 5:57.0 and had 5 points; eighth grader Dataraius Tables, who finished in Twelfth Place with a time of 18:43.5, had an average mile of 6:01.6 and had 12 points; eighth grader Russell Cross, who finished in Thirteenth Place with a time of 18:47.8, had an average mile of 6:03.0 and had 13 points; eighth grader Logan Nation, who finished in Fourteenth Place with a time of 18:51.3, had an average mile of 6:04.2 and had 14 points; ninth grader Jacob Gadd, who finished in Twenty-sixth Place with a time of 19:31.9, had an average mile of 6:17.2 and had 23 points; eighth grader Trent Gresham, who finished in Forty-sixth Place with a time of 20:20.5, had an

average mile of 6:32.9 and had 43 points; and senior Cody Gadd. The girls team had a total time of 1:29:18.70, with an average of 17:51.74. The team's total score was 69, just enough to beat Tupelo Christian Prep School, who earned 70, by one point for Second Place; and

WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize these student athletes who have 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 Hickory Flat Attendance Center "Rebels" Boys Cross Country Team and Coach Michael Seger for winning the MHSAA Class 1A State Championship, the school's first championship in 27 years, and extend to the team members, coaches and parents our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Coach Segar and Principal Barry Goolsby, forwarded to the Benton County Board of Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 30, 2014

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 5, 2014

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES