

By: Representatives Chism, Smith (39th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NEW  
2 HOPE LADY TROJAN SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING CONSECUTIVE CLASS 4A  
3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, the New Hope High School Lady Trojan Softball Team  
5 completed the 2000 and 2001 seasons with a combined record of 77  
6 wins and only eight losses; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Lady Trojans broke the previous school  
8 record by totaling 39 wins, which proved to be the most ever by  
9 any girls team at New Hope High; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans were unmatched in district play for  
11 2000, finishing with an outstanding district record of nine and  
12 one, and the team continued its dominance in 2001 with a perfect  
13 eight and zero record; and

14 WHEREAS, after winning both district tournaments in 2000 and  
15 2001, the Lady Trojans ran through the Class 4A ranks by winning  
16 both the Class 4A North Championships and the State Championships;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, in the State Championship in 2001, the Lady Trojans  
19 easily defeated North East Lauderdale in two games, earning their  
20 second straight Class 4A State Championship; and

21 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon the  
22 Lady Trojans, including: the naming of Casey Colvin, Shakima  
23 Nicholson, Nikki Petty, Laura Lee Holman, Courtney Gordon, Ginny  
24 Lowery, Laura Oswalt, Shelley Frasier and Stephanie West to the  
25 All-District Team; the naming of Laura Lee Holman as Commercial  
26 Dispatch Area Player of the Year and Cary Shepherd as Area Coach



27 of the Year; and the naming of Ginny Lowery, Casey Colvin and  
28 Laura Oswalt to the All-Area First Team; and

29 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans have been superbly coached and  
30 inspired by Head Coach Cary Shepherd and Assistant Coaches Kathi  
31 Fleming, Wayne Ellis and Ame Robertson, who have broadened the  
32 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
33 execution; and

34 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans have developed a winning and  
35 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their  
36 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual  
37 players and their coaches and bring honor to New Hope High School;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of  
40 Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence especially when  
41 evidenced by the young people of our state, who are its future:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
44 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the New Hope  
45 High School Lady Trojan Softball Team for winning the State 4A  
46 Softball Championships in 2000 and 2001, and for displaying  
47 tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 furnished to New Hope High School, Head Coach Cary Shepherd,  
50 Assistant Coaches Kathi Fleming, Wayne Ellis and Ame Robertson and  
51 to the Capitol Press Corps.

