HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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