

By: Representatives Chism, Ellis, Gibbs,
Harrison, Roberson, Smith (39th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BRYAN PACKERS AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM FROM WEST POINT,
3 MISSISSIPPI, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN WINNING THE 2002
4 AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES.

5 WHEREAS, the Bryan Packers American Legion Baseball Team from
6 West Point, Mississippi, is the 2002 Champion of the American
7 Legion World Series; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Legion baseball program began in 1926
9 and is the oldest amateur baseball program in the United States
10 and includes 5,300 registered baseball teams; and

11 WHEREAS, fifty-five percent of professional baseball players
12 and seventy percent of college baseball players played American
13 Legion baseball as teenagers; and

14 WHEREAS, the West Point team is the first team from
15 Mississippi ever to win the American Legion World Series; and

16 WHEREAS, a team from Region 4, which includes Mississippi,
17 has won the American Legion Championship only twice before, most
18 recently in 1968; and

19 WHEREAS, the Bryan Packers have won four state titles in the
20 past six years; and

21 WHEREAS, this North Mississippi team finished the three month
22 season with a record of 47-13, and went 12-2 in post-season play;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon the
25 players including: Corey Carter, Dusty Snider, Josh Johnson, and
26 Jeff Shafer, named members of the All-Tournament Team; Josh
27 Johnson named All-Tournament Most Valuable Player and recipient of



28 the Bob Feller Pitching award; and Corey Carter received the
29 Rawlings Big Stick award; and

30 WHEREAS, the Packers' coach, Frank Portera, who started the
31 West Point Team nine years ago, won the Jack Williams Memorial
32 Leadership award; and

33 WHEREAS, the Bryan Packers have been superbly coached and
34 inspired by Head Coach Frank Portera and Assistant Coaches Todd
35 Stanley and Tyler Bratton, who have broadened the players'
36 knowledge of the game and refined their skill in execution; and

37 WHEREAS, the Bryan Packers Team is comprised of Head Coach
38 Frank Portera, Assistant Coaches Todd Stanley and Tyler Bratton,
39 and players Justin Best, Russell Bourland, Corey Carter, Joby
40 Garner, Tyler Hunter, Scottie Jacobs, Drew Jaudon, Josh Johnson,
41 Lance Martin, Brandon McGarity, Dave Nanney, Brent Patton, John
42 Raymond Pitre, Taylor Robertson, Jeff Schafer, Dusty Snider, Chris
43 Stamps, and Rod Williams; and

44 WHEREAS, in recognition of their great accomplishment, the
45 Bryan Packers were honored with a Congressional Proclamation by
46 the United States House of Representatives in House Resolution
47 542; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
49 Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence especially when
50 exhibited by the young people of this state, who are its future:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
53 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Bryan
54 Packers American Legion Baseball Team from West Point,
55 Mississippi, for their outstanding accomplishment in winning the
56 2002 American Legion World Series and for demonstrating excellence
57 and character and tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors
58 throughout the season.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Head Coach Frank Portera, Assistant Coaches Todd



61 Stanley and Tyler Bratton, Mayor of West Point and members of the
62 Capitol Press Corps.

