

By: Representative Formby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH  
2 KENT KIRKLAND AND PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL MAROON TIDE BASEBALL TEAM  
3 ON WINNING THE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Kent Kirkland and the Picayune High School  
5 Maroon Tide Baseball Team finished the 2002 season with an  
6 impressive record of 35 wins and only 3 losses, capturing  
7 Picayune's first Class 4A State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, for an outstanding season of play, Coach Kirkland  
9 led the Maroon Tide to become Mississippi's No. 1 ranked team, and  
10 the nation's 4th ranked team by *USA Today* and 7th ranked team by  
11 *Baseball America*; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Kirkland, a Carriere native, has instilled a  
13 strong work ethic at Picayune since taking over in 1992, producing  
14 a 240-84 career record, 11 winning seasons and 7 playoff  
15 appearances with the Maroon Tide; and

16 WHEREAS, being most generous in the expressions of his  
17 gratitude, Coach Kirkland is quick to praise his assistants, John  
18 Dobson, Cayne Stockstill and Ryan Moreaux, for making this season  
19 unforgettable; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to leading the Maroon Tide to capture  
21 their first championship ever, Coach Kirkland was rewarded double  
22 when he was named the 2002 Coach of the Year for *The*  
23 *Clarion-Ledger* All-State baseball team; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Kirkland and Assistant Coaches John Dobson,  
25 Cayne Stockstill and Ryan Moreaux have superbly coached and  
26 inspired the Maroon Tide, broadened their knowledge of the game  
27 and refined their skills in execution; and



28           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that this Legislature  
29 recognizes the spectacular season of this group of student  
30 athletes and coaches which have brought honor to their school,  
31 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
34 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Coach Kent  
35 Kirkland and the Picayune High School Maroon Tide Baseball Team  
36 for their outstanding 2002 Class 4A State Championship and wish  
37 them continued success in their future athletic and scholastic  
38 endeavors.

39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
40 furnished to Picayune High School, Coach Kent Kirkland and members  
41 of the Capitol Press Corps.

