

By: Representatives Chism, Harrison, Smith  
(39th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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

4 WHEREAS, the New Hope High School Lady Trojan Softball Team  
5 completed the 2000, 2001 and 2002 seasons with a combined record  
6 of 111 wins with only 10 losses; and

7 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans have become the first team in 4A  
8 classification to win three consecutive titles in slow pitch  
9 softball, and first in any sport at New Hope to capture a  
10 three-peat; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans proved unmatched in district play  
12 for 2000 with an outstanding district record of 9 and 1, 2001 with  
13 a record of 8 and 0, and continued their dominance in 2002 with a  
14 perfect 7 and 1 record; and

15 WHEREAS, after winning both district tournaments from 2000  
16 through 2002, the Lady Trojans ran through the Class 4A ranks by  
17 winning both the Class 4A North Championships and the State  
18 Championships; and

19 WHEREAS, in the State Championship in 2002, the Lady Trojans  
20 easily defeated Northeast Lauderdale 6-3 and 12-2 earning their  
21 third straight Class 4A State Championship; and

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



27           WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon the  
28 players, including: the naming of Laura Lee Holman, Rachel  
29 Baucom, Courtney Gordon and Ginny Lowery, to the 2002 MHSAA  
30 All-State Team; the naming of Laura Lee Holman, Ginny Lowery,  
31 Shakima Nicholson, Rachel Baucom, Courtney Gordon, Jenna Hale,  
32 Jessica Hale, Nikki Petty, Ashley Bush, Tori Harris and Stacie  
33 West to the 2002 All-District Team; the naming of Laura Lee Holman  
34 as Commercial Dispatch Area Player of the Year; Cary Shepherd as  
35 Commercial Dispatch Area Coach of the Year; and the naming of  
36 Ginny Lowery, Rachel Baucom, Jenna Hale, Jessica Hale, Shakima  
37 Nicholson, Stacie West and Courtney Gordon to the Commercial  
38 Dispatch All Area 1st Team; and

39           WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans and Coach Shepherd, recorded their  
40 500th win on September 28, 2002, and finished the season with a  
41 thirteen game winning streak, outscoring their opponents 467 to  
42 84; and

43           WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans, ranked number one by the  
44 Clarion-Ledger in pre-, post-, and regular season play, have  
45 developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree of  
46 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect great  
47 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring  
48 honor to New Hope High School; and

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

52           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
54 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the New Hope  
55 High School Lady Trojan Softball Team for winning the State 4A  
56 softball championships in 2000, 2001 and 2002, and for displaying  
57 tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
59 furnished to New Hope High School, Head Coach Cary Shepherd,



60 Assistant Coaches Kathi Fleming, Wayne Ellis, and Ame Robertson  
61 and to the Capitol Press Corps.

