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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH KENT
2 KIRKLAND AND PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL MAROON TIDE BASEBALL TEAM ON
3 WINNING 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 we recognize the
29 spectacular season of this group of student athletes and coaches
30 who have brought honor to their school, their community and to the
31 State of Mississippi:

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

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

