

By: Senator(s) Michel, Johnson (19th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MADISON-RIDGELAND NATIONAL
2 JAGUARS BASEBALL TEAM FOR THEIR PHENOMENAL 2002 SEASON AND FOR
3 WINNING THE 2002 DIZZY DEAN 10-YEAR-OLD WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, displaying outstanding pitching, fielding, hitting
5 and base running, the Madison-Ridgeland Jaguars captured the Dizzy
6 Dean World Series (10-year-olds) in Birmingham, Alabama, with a
7 10-3 victory over Grenada. The Jaguars cruised through with an
8 undefeated record posting additional wins over Whitfield, Georgia,
9 (state champions); Brent, Florida; the Madison-Ridgeland Patriots;
10 and Lakeview, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, the Jaguars were in the finals of every tournament
12 they participated in with an overall record of 22-4. Along with
13 winning the (10-year-old) Dizzy Dean World Series, the Jaguars
14 also won the State Dizzy Dean Championship; the Gulf Coast
15 Tournament; tied for first in Southaven, Mississippi, USSSA
16 Tournament; and placed second in the Mississippi USSSA
17 Championship; and

18 WHEREAS, this year's tournament marks the second year in a
19 row a Madison-Ridgeland All-Star Team in this age group has won
20 the World Series. Brayden Jones received the Most Valuable Player
21 (MVP) Award for his outstanding play throughout the tournament.
22 Jones also captured the MVP Award at the 2001 Dizzy Dean World
23 Series for (9-year-olds); and

24 WHEREAS, the most pivotal game of the tournament was a
25 thrilling 7-6 victory over the Madison-Ridgeland Patriots. This
26 was the fourth time the two teams have played in Dizzy Dean



27 Tournaments with all four games being decided three runs or less;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, "In all of my 30 years of youth baseball, this was
30 the best 10-year-old baseball game I have ever seen," said Donnie
31 Stone, National Director of Dizzy Dean Baseball; and

32 WHEREAS, during the World Series, the Jaguars were led on the
33 mound by Brayden Jones, Ryan Bolden and Ryan Ellis. The pitching
34 staff allowed only 27 runs, while the team scored 51 runs. The
35 Jaguars were led at the plate by Michael McKinney and Spencer
36 Savage. Both hit 500 or better. The Jaguars committed only 11
37 errors in 5 World Series games and posted a 360 batting average
38 and a 520 on-base percentage; and

39 WHEREAS, "I think a major factor in our winning this World
40 Series Championship was an outstanding overall team batting
41 average coupled with good pitching and a sound defense," said
42 Jaguars Head Coach Bruce Savage; and

43 WHEREAS, Dizzy Dean Baseball, Incorporated, has been
44 organized as a youth baseball program for all youth regardless of
45 sex, religion, race or color, 5 through 19 years of age. The game
46 is played on a baseball field suitable to the physical development
47 of growing youngsters. The main purpose of this program is to
48 expand Dizzy Dean Baseball, Incorporated, and to provide a
49 recreation outlet for as many youth as possible with emphasis
50 being on local league play rather than tournament play. However,
51 state tournaments and Dizzy Dean World Series are for leagues
52 wishing to participate; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
54 outstanding accomplishments of this group of student athletes who
55 have brought pride to their community and to the State of
56 Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
59 Madison-Ridgeland National Jaguars for their phenomenal season and



60 for winning the 2002 Dizzy Dean (10-Year-Old) World Series
61 Baseball Championship and wish them continued success in their
62 future endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
64 presented to the Madison-Ridgeland National Jaguars Baseball Team,
65 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

