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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2003  
2 JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL (PREP) "LADY PATRIOTS" GIRLS FAST PITCH  
3 SOFTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH ALLYN BOND FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S (MPSA) OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND  
5 CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

6 WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 4, 2003, the Jackson Preparatory  
7 School "Lady Patriots" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team won its second  
8 consecutive Mississippi Private School Association Overall Championship  
9 with a dominating 8-2 victory over Hillcrest Christian School before an  
10 estimated crowd of 150 at Mississippi College; and

11 WHEREAS, this was the second straight Overall Championship title  
12 for the Lady Patriots, who for the second consecutive season defeated  
13 Hillcrest Christian School for the title, and finished with a 24-8  
14 record and ranked No. 1 in *The Clarion-Ledger* final poll; and

15 WHEREAS, Head Coach Allyn Bond finished her fourth season as head  
16 coach and sixth in the program (she was an Assistant Coach to her  
17 husband, Chris, for two seasons, and now Chris is her Assistant Coach);  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, for this championship effort, Coach Bond was selected  
20 Clarion-Ledger Metro Coach of the Week, Morgan Brister and Maribeth  
21 Willoughby were selected Clarion-Ledger Metro Players of the Week and,  
22 Emily Sumrall and K.K. Toler were selected Clarion-Ledger Metro Top  
23 Performers; and

24 WHEREAS, every member of the first team was named to the  
25 All-Academic Team by the National Association of Fast Pitch Coaches; and

26 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep earned the title by peaking at the right  
27 time, playing great defense and putting together a consistent line-up,  
28 and the team roster is as follows: K.K. Toler, Maribeth Willoughby,

29 Morgan Brister, Emily Sumrall, Amanda Lee Griffin, Blair Bailey,  
30 Elizabeth Clark Simmons, Mary Stanton Toler, Callie Mounger, Jennifer  
31 Roberts, Kelsey Griffin, Haley Stevens, Mary Jordan McDill, Haley Toler,  
32 Katie Britton, Merrill Maddox, Ruth Schimmel and Kelli Chandler; and

33 WHEREAS, individual team performances include Morgan Brister, who  
34 became the first Mississippian to be named a high school fast pitch  
35 All-American last season, and led Prep in batting average .402 and runs  
36 34, Senior second baseman K.K. Toler, who hit .400 and scored 30 runs,  
37 and pitcher Maribeth Willoughby, who, in addition to her brilliant  
38 pitching (20-7 record and 1.25 ERA) hit .385 with a team-high 29 RBIs;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, special team awards include the following: Rookie of the  
41 Year---Jennifer Roberts, Most Improved-----Merrill Maddox, Patriot  
42 Award---K.K. Toler, Most Valuable Offense----Morgan Brister, Most  
43 Valuable Defense---Emily Sumrall, Most Valuable Player----Maribeth  
44 Willoughby; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group of  
46 student-athletes who have brought honor to their school, their community  
47 and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2003 Jackson Prep "Lady  
51 Patriots" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team and Head Coach Allyn Bond  
52 for winning the Mississippi Private School Association's Overall  
53 State Championship for the second consecutive year, and wish them  
54 continued success in their future scholastic and athletic  
55 endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
57 Coach Bond and the Headmaster of Jackson Preparatory School and be  
58 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.