

By: Senator(s) Brown, Chaney, Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 589

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NEW
2 HOPE HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS BASEBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2003
3 SEASON AND FOR WINNING THE CLASS 4A NORTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND
4 THE OVERALL CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the New Hope High School Trojans Baseball Team
6 finished the 2003 season with an outstanding record of 34 wins and
7 only four losses; and

8 WHEREAS, the Trojans were unmatched in District play,
9 continuing their winning streak of 14 consecutive District Titles,
10 with an impressive record of 11 district wins and 1 loss; and

11 WHEREAS, the Trojans finished the season ranked No. 1 in the
12 State of Mississippi by *The Clarion Ledger* and ranked No. 7 by *USA*
13 *Today* in the nation, breaking the previous school record set in
14 1997 by batting .355 as a team; and

15 WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon
16 various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play
17 this season, including the naming of Hunter Abrams, Brian
18 Barksdale, Chas Brown, Justin Carter, Brantly Clay, Brandon Dill,
19 Justin Faulkner, Tyler Hunter, Nathan Mordecai and Robert Tucker
20 to the All-Area Team; the naming of Hunter Abrams, Chas Brown,
21 Brantly Clay, Brandon Dill, Justin Faulkner, Tyler Hunter, Nathan
22 Mordecai and Robert Tucker to the All-District Team; the selection
23 of Justin Carter, Nathan Mordecai and Robert Tucker to the
24 All-State Team; the naming of Tyler Hunter to the Crossroads
25 Diamond Club All-Star Game; and the naming of Justin Carter as
26 Commercial Dispatch Player of the Year; and

27 WHEREAS, the Trojans have been superbly coached and inspired
28 by Head Coach Stacy Hester and Assistant Coaches Chris Chism, Brad

29 Haines, Steve Hancock and Alan Leonard, who have broadened the
30 Trojans' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
31 execution; and

32 WHEREAS, Coach Hester has brought additional honor to himself
33 and to New Hope High School by being selected as Area Coach of the
34 Year; and

35 WHEREAS, the 2003 New Hope Baseball roster is as follows:
36 Michael Bentley (OF), Jeff Manning (OF - P), Mickey Allen (2B),
37 Joe Nickels (P - 1B), Thad Cole (IF - OF), Russ Boyd (C - P - 1B),
38 Clark Walker (OF - 2B), Ben Ellis (P - 1B), Hunter Abrams
39 (SS - P), Zach Moore (3B - P), Brian Barksdale (OF), Garrett
40 Harris (P - OF), JD Fondren (2B - OF), John Mooney (OF), Jared
41 Garrett (SS - P), Boomer Brown (1B - C), Brent Hallmark (SS - OF),
42 Bryan Bogue (OF - C), Donta Jones (OF - 2B), Ben Pierce (3B),
43 Brandon Bearden (SS - P), Jacob Stapp (P - 1B), Brantly Clay (OF),
44 Dominic Hughes (OF), Rainer Hagewood (OF), Peyton Ellington
45 (1B - DH), Colby Brister (DH), Billy Beard (1B - P), Key Pitman
46 (1B - 3B), Cameron Parker (OF), Andy Halford (1B), Derek Heberling
47 (2B), Adam Lollar (P), Josh Newell (2B), Caleb Ferguson (P - 3B),
48 Ben Fleming (P - SS), Brian Lewis (Manager), Brad Cooper (Manager)
49 and Justin Jones (Manager); and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
51 achievement of this group of young men whose winning and
52 cooperative spirit and sportsmanship reflect great honor upon the
53 individual players, their coaches, to New Hope High School and to
54 the State of Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
56 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
57 we commend and congratulate the New Hope High School Trojans
58 Baseball Team and their coaches, Head Coach Stacy Hester and
59 Assistant Coaches Chris Chism, Brad Haines, Steve Hancock and Alan
60 Leonard, for their outstanding 2003 season, for winning the Class
61 4A North State Championship and Overall Class 4A State

62 Championship, and wish them continued success in their future
63 athletic and scholastic endeavors.

64 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 presented to New Hope High School Head Coach Stacy Hester and
66 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.