

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.