

By: Representatives Hines,
Bailey, Straughter, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GREENVILLE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
2 SCHOOL "FIGHTING IRISH" BASEBALL TEAM AND COACH KENNY WOLF FOR
3 WINNING THE MHSAA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 21, 2005, Greenville St. Joseph
5 Catholic School "Fighting Irish" Baseball Team made history by
6 crushing East Union 10-2 at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson,
7 Mississippi, for its first ever Class 1A Baseball State
8 Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, this was the first time in 44 years a high school
10 baseball team from Greenville, Mississippi, was crowned state
11 champions by the Mississippi High School Activities Association;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, with the state championship at stake, Coach Kenny
14 Wolf sent Senior Max Freeman (8-1) to the mound, playing his final
15 game in a Fighting Irish uniform and going out in style by
16 pitching a three-hitter, capping off this effort with three hits
17 of his own, including a home run; and

18 WHEREAS, the St. Joseph "Fighting Irish" Baseball Team ended
19 regular season play with a 21-8 record, 8-0 in district play, 3-0
20 in first round of playoffs, and bested rival, Natchez Cathedral,
21 2-1 in the second round; and

22 WHEREAS, in the south half of the state playoffs, the
23 "Fighting Irish" faced Union and came out victorious 2-1, securing
24 their play for the State 1A Championship against the Urchins of
25 East Union; and

26 WHEREAS, winning game one of the playoff soundly 15-6, the
27 "Fighting Irish" would fall to the Urchins in game two, 3-2, only

28 to redeem themselves in game three, clinching the 1A title by a
29 resounding 10-2 victory; and

30 WHEREAS, the St. Joseph "Fighting Irish" Baseball Team roster
31 includes: Head Coach, Kenny Wolf; Assistant Coach, Benny Strazi;
32 Seniors, Max Freeman, John Dean Swift, Jeremy Daniel; Juniors, Sam
33 Maddox, Layne Boykin, Cayne Boykin, Johnathan Martin, Matthew
34 McCain; Sophomores, Malcolm Davis, James Hunter, David Menotti,
35 Jamie Montgomery, Chris Reifers, Travis Webster; Freshmen, Tyler
36 Hendrick, Craig Mandolini, Jae McIntosh; Eighth Graders, Donald
37 Davis, Derek McCain, Ladarius Perkins, Xavier Williams; and
38 Manager, Lewis Dotson; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
40 the special accomplishment of this group of student athletes who
41 have brought honor to their school, their community, their
42 families and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend and congratulate the Greenville St. Joseph Catholic School
46 "Fighting Irish" Baseball Team and Coach Kenny Wolf for winning
47 their first Mississippi High School Activities Association Class
48 1A State Championship, and for their outstanding 2005 season and
49 extend best wishes for all their future athletic and academic
50 endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Coach Kenny Wolf, the Headmaster of St. Joseph
53 Catholic School and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.