

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL "CHARGERS" BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MHSAA  
3 CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND PITCHER WES GRILLIETTE FOR HIS  
4 SELECTION AS PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Oxford High School "Chargers" Baseball Team  
6 downed Petal 15-8 on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, to win the Mississippi  
7 High School Activities Association Class 4A State Championship;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Chad Creger slugged a grand slam and Cade Hoggard  
10 smacked a two-run shot as Oxford completed a two-game sweep of the  
11 best-of-three series before an estimated 1,300 at Smith-Wills  
12 Stadium; and

13 WHEREAS, the fourth-ranked Chargers (36-4) finished the  
14 season on a roll, winning ten straight play-off games after their  
15 first-round defeat against Amory. Oxford's other losses were to  
16 top-ranked Madison Central, Hattiesburg and South Panola; and

17 WHEREAS, Oxford Coach Brian Harvey motivated his baseball  
18 team with a "one-ton rock." "We bought it at a landscaping place  
19 in Memphis, brought it down with a 20-foot trailer and unloaded it  
20 in our dugout with a forklift." After Tuesday's 15-8 victory that  
21 clinched the Class 4A championship for the Chargers, it's a safe  
22 bet nobody in Lafayette County has ever spent a more gratifying  
23 \$150 for a boulder; and

24 WHEREAS, Oxford High School right-handed pitcher Wes  
25 Grilliette has been selected as Player of the Year in Class 4A  
26 baseball by member coaches in the Mississippi Association of  
27 Coaches. Grilliette won a school single-season record 14 games in  
28 helping lead Oxford High School to its first state baseball title.

29 In addition to a 14-1 record, Grilliette sported a 1.88 earned run  
30 average and 109 strikeouts in 74.1 innings. He picked up wins in  
31 Oxford's final five play-off games en route to the 4A title; and

32 WHEREAS, the Chargers have proved that their team is "solid  
33 as a rock," and it is with great pride that we recognize this  
34 outstanding achievement which has brought honor to their school,  
35 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Oxford High School  
39 "Chargers" Baseball Team for winning the MHSAA Class 4A State  
40 Championship and commend Pitcher Wes Grilliette upon his selection  
41 as Player of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Coaches,  
42 and extend to this team and Coach Brian Harvey the best wishes of  
43 the Legislature for success in their future athletic and academic  
44 endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Coach Harvey and the Principal of Oxford High School and be made  
47 available to members of the Capitol Press Corps.