

By: Senator(s) Ross, Kirby, Lee To: Rules
(35th)

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST
2 RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL "COUGARS" BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE MHSAA
3 DIVISION 6 CLASS 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, the Northwest Rankin High School "Cougars" Baseball
5 Team set a school record for wins with a 36-3 season to win their
6 first Class 5A state title in the program's history; and

7 WHEREAS, Northwest Rankin swept Gulfport 6-3 and 5-4 in the
8 5A title series, and also finished atop *The Clarion-Ledger's* MHSAA
9 Baseball Poll for the first time; and

10 WHEREAS, ranked 13th nationally by Collegiate Baseball, the
11 Cougars won 14 of their last 15 games; and

12 WHEREAS, the team finished as 5A runner-up in 2003 and 2004
13 and was 4A runner-up in 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Jeff McClaskey said, "It's a relief without
15 question. We've been close so many times. We've been one of the
16 top programs in the state year in and year out"; and

17 WHEREAS, "Dandy Dozen" Senior first baseman Tyler Moore
18 enjoyed a record-setting year for the Cougars, batting .468 with
19 18 doubles, he established school records for hits (59), home runs
20 (16), RBIs (65), slugging percentage (1.008), and total bases
21 (127); and Moore's RBI total is also a 5A record; and

22 WHEREAS, Senior right fielder Brett Adams (.444), Junior
23 center fielder Kenny Tackett (.426, school-record 56 runs) and
24 Junior second baseman Clint Woods (.368) also helped carry the
25 offensive load; and

26 WHEREAS, Junior right-handers Todd McInnis and Jordan King
27 combined their pitching talents for 21 victories; and

28 WHEREAS, the Cougars also excelled in tournament play as the
29 5A North State Champions, the District 4-5A Champions and the 2005
30 Battle of the Beach Champions in Gulfshores, Alabama; and

31 WHEREAS, several individual players received recognition:
32 Clint Woods, All-District; Kenny Tackett, All-District and 5A
33 All-State; Tyler Moore, All-District, 5A Player of the Year, *The*
34 *Clarion-Ledger's* Player of the Year, All-State, All-Star and set
35 five school records; Brett Adams, All-District and 5A All-State;
36 Taylor Cochran, All-District; Todd McInnis, All-District and 5A
37 All-State; and Jordan King, All-District; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach McClaskey, ably assisted by Assistant Coaches
39 Ben Stein, Chad Walberg, Thad Bennett and Keith McGee, was named
40 District 4-5A Coach of the Year, All-Metro Coach of the Year and
41 *The Clarion-Ledger's* Coach of the Year; and

42 WHEREAS, every team member contributed to the Cougars'
43 success, including Ryan McInnis, Tim Terry, Tyler Walker, Chase
44 Wolverton, Hunter Ainsworth, Daniel Cowart, Brett Jeter, Wesley
45 Johnson, Josh Brumfield, Lance Caballero, Anthony Doss, Rob
46 McCain, Harrison Mercer, Geoffrey Sinning, Nick Stewart, Justin
47 Williams, Ben Wylie, Todd Barnthouse, C.J. Britt, Dylan Bryan,
48 Austin Cole, Seth Hood, Adam Johns, Stephen Jury, Jason King, Ryan
49 Nance, Scotty Owens, Zach Polzin, Robby Robinson, Jacob Sims and
50 Jake Wise; and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
52 Cougars' outstanding achievement which has brought honor to their
53 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
56 Northwest Rankin "Cougars" Baseball Team for winning the MHSAA
57 Division 6 Class 5A State Championship, and extend to this team
58 and Coach Jeff McClaskey the best wishes of the Senate for success
59 in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 Coach McClaskey and the Principal of Northwest Rankin High School
62 and be made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.