

By: Senator(s) Posey, Hyde-Smith, Dearing, Lee (47th), Lee (35th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE COPIAH-LINCOLN
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE "WOLVES" BASEBALL TEAM, COACH KEITH CASE AND
3 ASSISTANT COACH BRYAN NOBILE FOR WINNING THE NJCAA SOUTH REGION 23
4 TOURNAMENT, THE NJCAA SOUTHEAST SUPER REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, AND FOR
5 THEIR EXCELLENT 2005 SEASON.

6 WHEREAS, as the Co-Lin Wolves began their post-season
7 Cinderella story traveling to Poplarville, Mississippi, and
8 defeating the top ranked team in the final NJCAA Division II poll
9 to win the NJCAA South Region 23 Tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, with this tournament championship in hand, they
11 advanced to the NJCAA Southeast Super Regional; and

12 WHEREAS, the Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Wolves"
13 Baseball Team added yet another chapter to their remarkable 2005
14 Cinderella story in the championship finals of the NJCAA Southeast
15 Super Regional. With two batters retired and just one strike away
16 from defeat, the Region 23 Champions rallied for 3 runs in the top
17 of the ninth inning and escaped the St. Catharine Patriots 8-7 in
18 a mind-boggling finish at Edelon-Heydon Park; and

19 WHEREAS, "This is everybody's baseball dream," said
20 Schexnayder, a freshman from Houma, Louisiana. "There's no better
21 feeling. We are all fighters on this team. We may not have the
22 most talent but we have the most heart"; and

23 WHEREAS, the Wolves (30-26-1) advance to the NJCAA Division
24 II World Series played at USA Stadium at Millington, Tennessee,
25 where they face Elgin (Ill.) Community College (52-8); and

26 WHEREAS, this is Copiah-Lincoln's second trip to the World
27 Series under Coach Keith Case, the last time being in 2000 when
28 the team finished 4th; and

29 WHEREAS, Keith Case, the Mississippi State grad in his 13th
30 season as Col-Lin's coach, says he's never seen a team face this
31 much adversity, much less overcome it. After 50 games some
32 baseball teams run short on baseballs and bats. Co-Lin long since
33 ran out of bandages and ice. Eight surgeries later, Co-Lin is
34 down to 16 healthy players. Guys who were pitchers only are now
35 playing regularly in the lineup. A month ago, those pitchers
36 weren't taking batting practice. In mid-April, Co-Lin had a
37 losing record. In late May, the Wolves are playing for a national
38 championship; and

39 WHEREAS, the 2005 Co-Lin Baseball roster is as follows: Ryan
40 Belanger, Cody Cunningham, Josh Logan, Patrick Williams, Gregory
41 Ketchings, Hunter Posey, Garrett Jones, Justin Smith, Jody Britt,
42 Justin Sykes, Will Buckels, Colby Beach, Xavier Qualls, Adam
43 Ogden, Ben Sandifer, Matthew Schexnayder, Scotty Smith, Lance
44 Deville, Te Riley, Joel Hurt, Joseph Langham, Derek Thompson, Head
45 Coach Keith Case, Assistant Coach Bryan Nobile, Managers Blake
46 Byrd and Alan Case, Trainer Matt McClain, and Public Address
47 Dennis White; and

48 WHEREAS, it is great pride that we recognize the special
49 achievement of this group of student athletes who have brought
50 honor to their college, their community and to the State of
51 Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
54 Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Wolves" Baseball Team and Coach
55 Keith Case for winning the National Junior College Athletic
56 Association South Region 23 Tournament, the NJCAA Southeast Super
57 Regional Tournament, competing in the Division II World Series,
58 and an excellent 2005 season that will long be remembered.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 the Co-Lin Baseball Team and Coach Case, the President of Co-Lin

61 Community College and be made available to the Capitol Press
62 Corps.