

By: Senator(s) Clarke

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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 champion 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. St. Joseph was 8-0 in
20 district play. The first round of playoffs saw the Irish sweep
21 through 3-0. In the second round they bested rival Natchez
22 Cathedral two games to one. In the south half of the state
23 playoffs, the Irish faced Union and came out victorious two games
24 to one. Playing for the State 1A Championship, the Irish met the
25 Urchins of East Union at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson,
26 Mississippi. Winning game one of the playoff soundly 15-6, the
27 Irish would fall to the Urchins in game two 3-2. Game three saw

28 the Irish rally hard and clinch the 1A title by resounding 10-2
29 victory over the East Union Urchins. This is the first time in
30 the 116-year history of St. Joseph High School the baseball team
31 has won a state championship, and it is the first time in over 40
32 years a team from Greenville, Mississippi, has brought a state
33 championship back to the port city; and

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

43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
44 accomplishment of this group of student athletes who have brought
45 honor to their school, their community, their families and to the
46 State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
49 Greenville St. Joseph Catholic School "Fighting Irish" Baseball
50 Team and Coach Kenny Wolf for winning their first ever Mississippi
51 High School Activities Association Class 1A State Championship,
52 and extend to them the best wishes of the Senate for their future
53 athletic and academic success.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Coach Kenny Wolf and the Headmaster of St. Joseph Catholic School
56 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.