

By: Senator(s) Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 548

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 NESHOPA CENTRAL "LADY ROCKETS" GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
3 THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THEIR
4 OUTSTANDING 2006 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, when the ball hit by East Central High School's
6 Lindsey Schillaci settled into the glove of Neshoba Central's
7 Right Fielder Whitnee White, it ended almost 5 hours of tense,
8 back-and-forth softball and meant the Lady Rockets could finally
9 celebrate what some would call their improbable second consecutive
10 Class 4A State Championship; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Rockets did it by defeating the Lady
12 Hornets twice on Monday, May 8, 2006, by scores of 7-6 and 5-3.
13 They were forced to win both games of the doubleheader after
14 losing the first game of the best-of-three series 2-0; and

15 WHEREAS, "We proved a lot of people wrong in Neshoba County
16 and Mississippi," Rocket Coach Tommy Holland said. "They didn't
17 think we could do it because of the veteran players lost last
18 year, but we did. We proved them wrong"; and

19 WHEREAS, the Lady Rockets did it by doing what they've done
20 all year. Get quality pitching, clutch hitting and take advantage
21 of the other team's mistakes; and

22 WHEREAS, the Neshoba Central Lady Rockets' fastpitch roster
23 is as follows: Grade 12: Sondria Hillie (O), Laura Smith (I),
24 Leigh Anne Taylor (O) and Whitnee White (O/P); Grade 11: Leah
25 Dennis (C/P), Amy Sharp (P/O), Loren Jones (O) and Rebecca Watkins
26 (O); Grade 10: Jodie Apperson (I), Tobi Lynn Beckham (I), Emily
27 Breland (O), Hailey Chisolm (I), Sierra Farlow (I) and Alexis
28 Patterson (O/P); Grade 9: Fallon Mattar (O), Sarah Breland (I/P),

29 India Whittle (I/C), Lauren Nicholas (I), Abbie Joiner (O/C), Kia
30 Moore (I), Megan Peebles (O), Laurel Burnett (O) and Leigh Ellen
31 Barefield (I); Grade 8: Paige Richardson (I), Jesse Edwards (O),
32 Eden McGee (I) and Taylor Tucker (I/P); Head Coach Tommy Holland
33 and Assistant Coach Jonathan Hardy; and

34 WHEREAS, "It was the perfect end to my year and the perfect
35 end to my career at Neshoba Central," Whitnee White said of the
36 final out. "I will remember this ballgame for the rest of my
37 life." It was a season and a State Championship that none of the
38 Neshoba Central fans, players or coaches will likely ever forget;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
41 accomplishment by this championship team who brought honor to
42 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Neshoba Central "Lady
46 Rockets" Girls Fastpitch Softball Team and Head Coach Tommy
47 Holland for winning their second consecutive Class 4A State
48 Championship and for their outstanding 2006 season and extend to
49 them the best wishes of the Legislature in their future athletic
50 and academic endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 the Principal of Neshoba Central High School and Coach Tommy
53 Holland for the team, and be made available to the Capitol Press
54 Corps.