

By: Senator(s) Williamson, Frazier, Jackson      To: Rules  
(11th), Jackson (15th), Jackson (32nd)

## 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.