

By: Senator(s) Walley, Lee (47th), Dearing,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GEORGE COUNTY HIGH
2 SCHOOL SENIOR PITCHER/OUTFIELDER WENDELL FAIRLEY FOR BEING NAMED
3 TO THE 2007 LOUISVILLE SLUGGER PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL
4 TEAM.

5 WHEREAS, George County High School Senior Wendell Fairley has
6 been named to the prestigious Louisville Slugger 2007 Preseason
7 All-American High School First Team; and

8 WHEREAS, Wendell Fairley, Senior Pitcher, Outfielder and
9 Slugger for the George County "Rebels," has signed with the
10 University of Southern Mississippi and is also a football
11 standout. He was also one of just two Mississippians to be named
12 a first-team, All-American, with Catcher Cody Freeman of West
13 Lauderdale High School being the other; and

14 WHEREAS, Wendell was named to the Dandy Dozen by *The*
15 *Clarion-Ledger* with the following statistics: five-tool player,
16 Mississippi's top pro-prospect and was a First Team All-State
17 selection by *The Clarion-Ledger* last season; batted .451,
18 including 7 doubles, 6 triples, 6 home runs and 31 RBIs for the
19 Rebels; on the mound, compiled a 5-4 record with 68 strikeouts and
20 a 2.07 ERA in 50 innings; and also a football standout; and

21 WHEREAS, "Sometimes you get a good athlete that can play
22 baseball, but Wendell is a good athlete who is actually a baseball
23 player," says George County Coach Ronnie Powell; and

24 WHEREAS, Lucedale, Mississippi, usually lures football
25 recruiters by producing high-profile wide receivers. Wendell
26 Fairley, who also plays football on the side (he played
27 Quarterback and Receiver this past season), stuck to his first

28 love of baseball. Scouts project that Fairley could be drafted in
29 the first five rounds of the Major League draft in June; and

30 WHEREAS, this is the 11th year Louisville Slugger has
31 sponsored high school All-American teams. The squad was chosen by
32 the staff of *Collegiate Baseball* and the athletes were honored in
33 the January 26 edition of the newspaper; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
35 achievement by a student athlete who has brought honor to his
36 school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate George
39 County High School Senior Pitcher/Outfielder Wendell Fairley for
40 being named to the 2007 Louisville Slugger Preseason All-American
41 High School First Team, and extend to him the best wishes of the
42 Senate for success in his collegiate career and future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 Wendell Fairley and his parents and be forwarded to the George
45 County Board of Education and the Capitol Press Corps.