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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY WARRIORS SOFTBALL TEAM UPON  
3 THEIR OUTSTANDING 2015 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the East Central Community College (ECCC) Lady  
5 Warriors Softball Team had an exceptional 2015 season, finishing  
6 with a 48-14 record under third-year Head Coach Kristin Chaney;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, 11 of their 14 losses during the 2015 season were to  
9 teams ranked in the Top 20 of the final National Junior College  
10 Athletic Association (NJCAA) Softball Poll; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors finished second in the Mississippi  
12 Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) South  
13 Division with a 22-6 record and qualified for the MACJC State  
14 Playoffs; and

15 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors finished second in the MACJC State  
16 Tournament held at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville,  
17 Mississippi, where three of the four participating teams were  
18 ranked in the top 11 in the nation; and



19 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors finished second at the NJCAA  
20 Region 23 Tournament, also held at Jones County Junior College in  
21 Ellisville, where all four participating teams were ranked in the  
22 top 11 in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors earned a berth in the 16-team,  
24 double elimination 2015 NJCAA Division II Softball National  
25 Championship held in Clinton, Mississippi, on May 13-16, 2015, and  
26 the No. 5 seed Lady Warriors were 6-2 over the four-day  
27 tournament, including a win over No. 1 seed Phoenix College; and

28 WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors battled back from the losers  
29 bracket to win four straight games, including two on the final  
30 day, before falling to Kankakee Community College in the finals  
31 5-1 and finishing as the No. 2 team in the nation, the  
32 highest-ever finish for the college's softball team; and

33 WHEREAS, freshman outfielder Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central  
34 High School won the Marucci Elite Hitter Award as the tournament's  
35 top batter, and freshman first baseman Mahalia Gibson of Oak Grove  
36 High School, freshman pitcher Lacey Hill of Kilbourne High School,  
37 and sophomore second baseman Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale  
38 High School were named to the National All-Tournament Team; and

39 WHEREAS, three members of the Lady Warriors were recognized  
40 as the national and/or state player or pitcher of the week during  
41 the regular season, including: freshman pitcher Chloe Thaggard of  
42 Leake Academy, MACJC State Pitcher of the Week (two times) and  
43 NJCAA Division II National Pitcher of the Week (two times); Lacey



44 Hill, MACJC State Pitcher of the Week and NJCAA Division II  
45 National Pitcher of the Week; and freshman shortshop Maegen Ellis  
46 of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, MACJC State Player of the Week;  
47 and

48 WHEREAS, several members of the Lady Warriors received other  
49 postseason recognition, including: Mahalia Gibson, NJCAA  
50 First-Team All-American, the first for ECCC since 2001, All-Region  
51 23, and First-Team All-State; Lacey Hill, All-Region 23; Chloe  
52 Thaggard, All-Region 23; and Maegen Ellis, First-Team All-State;  
53 and

54 WHEREAS, several members of the Lady Warriors were recognized  
55 by their coaches for their hard work, dedication and superior play  
56 in 2015, including: Maegen Ellis, Baserunning Award; Mallory  
57 Turner, Hustle Award; sophomore catcher Karoline Holsonback of  
58 South Lamar High School, Most Improved Award; Lacey Hill and Chloe  
59 Thaggard, co-recipients of the Pitching Award; Katlyn Duke, Most  
60 Outstanding Defense Award; Mahalia Gibson, Most Outstanding  
61 Offense Award and Most Valuable Player Award; and sophomore third  
62 baseman Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, Lady Warrior Award  
63 and Scholar-Athlete Award; and

64 WHEREAS, Head Softball Coach Kristin Chaney notched her 100th  
65 career victory on April 21, 2015, when her Lady Warriors shutout  
66 Pearl River Community College 9-0 in the second game of a  
67 doubleheader; and



68 WHEREAS, the ECCC Softball Team was named both the NJCAA and  
69 MACJC Women's Softball Academic Team of the Year for compiling an  
70 overall 3.63 grade-point average; and

71 WHEREAS, several Lady Warriors received individual academic  
72 honors, including: Anna Katherine Nowell, NJCAA Pinnacle Award  
73 for Academic Excellence and MACJC Distinguished Academic  
74 All-State; Karoline Holsonback, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic  
75 Achievement and MACJC Distinguished Academic All-State; and  
76 Mallory Turner, NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement and  
77 MACJC Academic All-State; and

78 WHEREAS, the members of the Lady Warriors developed a winning  
79 and cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and  
80 their activities and attitude on and off the field reflect great  
81 credit upon the individual players and their coaches and bring  
82 honor to East Central Community College, the team members' parents  
83 and hometown communities, and the State of Mississippi as they  
84 have achieved these accolades the ECCC way, "Excellence with  
85 Class"; and

86 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
87 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young  
88 adults of our state, who are its future:

89 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
90 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby  
91 commend and congratulate the East Central Community College Lady  
92 Warriors Softball Team, Head Coach Kristin Chaney and Assistant



93 Coach Courtney Nunn for their outstanding 2015 season and extend  
94 best wishes for continued success in all of their future academic  
95 and athletic endeavors.

96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
97 furnished to the East Central Community College Lady Warriors  
98 Softball Team, Head Coach Kristin Chaney, President Dr. Billy  
99 Stewart and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

