

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Barnett, To: Rules
Jackson (32nd), Watson

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE TUPELO HIGH
2 SCHOOL "GOLDEN WAVE" BASEBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH JUSTIN REED FOR
3 WINNING THEIR FIRST MHSAA CLASS 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 24 YEARS.

4 WHEREAS, a 24-year-championship drought was ended with
5 defensive superiority and a dominating pitching performance from
6 junior Josh Smith. The Tupelo High School "Golden Wave" won their
7 third State Title in program history beating Gulfport 3-0 in game
8 three of the Mississippi High School Activities Association
9 (MHSAA) Class 6A State Championship series on May 21, 2017. The
10 victory gave Tupelo (26-11) its first State Championship since
11 Kirk Presley hurled the Wave to back-to-back titles in 1992 and
12 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, "I believe you gotta believe in it." Second-Year
14 Coach Justin Reed said. "Set your goals at the beginning of the
15 year and each one of them, this was our goal." They all believed.
16 From the moment the Golden Wave Baseball Team stepped inside
17 Trustmark Park's foul lines they knew they weren't leaving without
18 the Golden Glove; and



19 WHEREAS, the seven fielders behind junior southpaw Josh Smith
20 and one in front were locked in from the first pitch until the
21 last. Smith threw seven complete innings, giving up just four
22 hits and walking one batter while striking out five. There were
23 just two innings of the seven that Tupelo saw more than four
24 batters. The game was filled with clutch plays, none more
25 important than Smith's performance in the top of the fourth.
26 Smith struck out two batters, and said he knew after that it was
27 the Golden Wave's game. Offensively, Smith got all the run
28 support he would need from the bats of South Sanders and Charlie
29 Greer; and

30 WHEREAS, the 2017 Tupelo High School "Golden Wave" Baseball
31 Team Roster is: Jackson Bridges, Ben Cayson, Charlie Greer, Jack
32 Haynes, Tanner Jaggars, Stephen Matthews, Reed Mikels, Cooper
33 Moore, Nick Ratliff, Ray Sandroni, LaBryant Siddell, Dylan Carey,
34 Clay Cox, Gatlin Farrar, Jack Ikerd, Lake Kellet, Jordan Manley,
35 Matthew Ray, Andrew Riley, South Sanders, Josh Smith, Jack
36 Brister, Will Davis, Bryant Morgan, Rivers Murff and Jalen
37 Sparkman; and Head Coach Justin Reed; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
39 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
40 community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Tupelo
43 High School "Golden Wave" Baseball Team and Head Coach Justin Reed



44 for winning their first MHSAA Class 6A State Championship in 24
45 years, and extend our best wishes to the team, coaches, parents
46 and sponsors for future success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Coach Justin Reed and Tupelo Principal Jason Harris, forwarded to
49 the Tupelo School Board of Education, and made available to the
50 Capitol Press Corps.

