

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 612

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 SIMPSON COUNTY ACADEMY "LADY COUGARS" SOFTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH
3 ADAM EVANS FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER SOFTBALL STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2017 Simpson County Academy "Lady Cougars"
6 Softball Team ended the softball season with a record of 28-9,
7 AAAA DII District 3 Champions, AAAA DII State Champions, and MAIS
8 Overall Runner-Up; and

9 WHEREAS, after trailing 6-3 to Magnolia Heights in the AAAA
10 DII Championship Game, the Lady Cougars stormed back to tie the
11 game in the bottom of the 6th. With the game tied and the bases
12 loaded, Abigail Carter stepped up to the plate and hit the
13 game-deciding Grand Slam driving in four runs. The Lady Cougars
14 held on to the 10-6 lead, defeating Magnolia Heights for the
15 school's first-ever Softball State Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars' Championship Softball Team are
17 comprised of the following outstanding student athletes: Bailey
18 Sartin, Abigail Carter, Leah Beth Luckey, Bella Luckey, Morgan
19 Griffith, Allison Richardson, Kristen Busby, Anna Claire Walker,



20 T.K. Catchings, Carlee Cockrell, Maddie Moody, Haley Roberts,
21 Gracie Giordano, Clara Grace Jensen, Chloe Petterson, Marlee
22 Dampeer, Olivia Hodum, Sydney Kate Russell and Natalie Styron;
23 Head Coach Adam Evans and Assistant Coaches: Blake Blakeney, Bart
24 Carter and Jeff Wedgeworth; and

25 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars were led by Senior Bailey Sartin,
26 who set the bar as the leader and helped set the standard for
27 their team attitude and work ethic. Bailey was also selected to
28 the MAIS All-Star Game, All-MAIS Softball Team, and All-District,
29 and Coach Adam Evans was named MAIS AAAA DII Coach of the Year;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars had four players to make the MAIS
32 All-State Team. Those players are as follows: Bailey Sartin,
33 Abigail Carter, Leah Beth Luckey and Morgan Griffith. Junior
34 Bella Luckey was named MAIS AAAA DII Player of the Year; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a group of
36 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
37 community and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Simpson County Academy
41 "Lady Cougars" Softball Team and Head Coach Adam Evans for winning
42 their first-ever Softball State Championship, and extend to the
43 team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
44 success.



45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Coach Adam Evans for the team, forwarded to Billy W. Hankins,
47 Headmaster of Simpson Academy, and made available to the Capitol
48 Press Corps.

