

By: Representative Mims

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PARKLANE
2 ACADEMY LADY PIONEERS FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
3 MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS 2018 AAAA OVERALL
4 SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Parklane Academy Lady Pioneers Fast-pitch
6 Softball Team clinched a well-deserved victory to top off their
7 outstanding season when they defeated the Simpson Academy Lady
8 Cougars Fast-pitch Softball Team to win the Mississippi
9 Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) AAAA Overall Softball
10 State Championships; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers crushed the state championship
12 dreams of each of their opponents in the state playoffs, by
13 pulverizing Jackson Prep, out-maneuvering Madison Ridgeland
14 Academy, hammering Hartfield Academy, powering through Jackson
15 Prep once again, rolling over East Rankin Academy and ultimately
16 surpassing Simpson Academy in the championship series; and

17 WHEREAS, striving to win with unparalleled motivation and
18 ardent determination, the Lady Pioneers played their best games of
19 the season during the championship series, as their mental stamina



20 and athletic prowess never wavered from the moment they first
21 walked onto that red, dusty diamond until the last out was made;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers' statistics were impressive and
24 the key to this team's success has been the constant positive
25 atmosphere, the exceptional team spirit, and the year-round hard
26 work by the following talented and distinguished student-athletes:
27 Meg Gatlin, Skye Sharp, Alli Robinson, Gabby Hutson, GiGi Lindsey,
28 Halee Jenkins, Carley Dixon, Lagen Harvey, Libby Carr, Nan Gatlin,
29 Kate Clements, Emma Roberts, Alli Albritton, Rachel Platt, Lana
30 Johnson, Maddie Dixon, Emme Wallace and Liberty Gillihan; and

31 WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers have been superbly coached and
32 tremendously inspired by Head Coach Greg Gatlin, Assistant Coach
33 Ron Rushing and Assistant Coach Chad Johnson, who have broadened
34 the team's knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
35 execution; and

36 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Lady Pioneers have
37 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of
38 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great
39 credit upon the individual players and their coaches, bringing
40 honor to Parklane Academy; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi
43 student-athletes, especially those such as the Parklane Academy
44 Lady Pioneers Fast-pitch Softball Team, whose excellence on the



45 field brings honor to their school, their community and the State
46 of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend and congratulate the Parklane Academy Lady Pioneers
50 Fast-pitch Softball Team and Head Coach Greg Gatlin for winning
51 the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) AAAA
52 Overall Softball State Championship, and extend best wishes to the
53 team and coaches for continued success in all of their future
54 endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to Head Coach Greg Gatlin and to the members of the
57 Capitol Press Corps.

