

By: Senator(s) Michel, Boyd, Chassaniol

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING OLE MISS HEAD
2 BASEBALL COACH MIKE BIANCO FOR BEING NAMED "2020 NATIONAL COACH OF
3 THE YEAR" BY COLLEGIATE BASEBALL.

4 WHEREAS, Ole Miss Head Baseball Coach Mike Bianco was named
5 the "2020 National Coach of the Year" by *Collegiate Baseball*; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Bianco is the first Rebel skipper to be named
7 National Coach of the Year. He joins Ole Miss legends Tom Swayze
8 and Jake Gibbs, who combined for six Southeastern Conference Coach
9 of the Year awards, as the only Rebel baseball coaches to earn
10 year-end honors; and

11 WHEREAS, Ole Miss's lone loss came in the 2020 opener at the
12 hands of No. 1 ranked Louisville. The Rebels fought back and won
13 that series, and when the season concluded, they were on a 16-game
14 winning streak, the longest in college baseball this year and just
15 one shy of the program record; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rebels closed the year ranked in the Top Five
17 nationally and extended their streak to 36 consecutive weeks in
18 the Top 25. Ole Miss led the nation in home runs with 37 in 17



19 games and finished in the Top 10 nationally in slugging percentage
20 (3rd), runs scored per game (3rd), total runs scored (5th) and
21 walks drawn (7th); and

22 WHEREAS, on the mound, Ole Miss finished with a team ERA of
23 2.92, placing the staff among the Top 50 in the country. The
24 Rebels were also in the Top 40 nationally in shutouts (12th),
25 strikeout-to-walk ratio (20th), walks allowed per nine innings
26 (29th), strikeouts per nine innings (32nd) and WHIP (36th); and

27 WHEREAS, three Rebels, third baseman Tyler Keenan, shortstop
28 Anthony Servideo and left-handed pitcher Doug Nikhazy were honored
29 as All-Americans in 2020, bringing the total to 20 in the Bianco
30 era. Three All-Americans ties a program record set during the
31 2014 College World Series run; and

32 WHEREAS, Ole Miss added two Freshman All-Americans, catcher
33 Hayden Dunhurst and second baseman Peyton Chatagnier, making 24 in
34 Bianco's 20 seasons. The Rebels have had two or more Freshman
35 All-Americans in each of the last five seasons; and

36 WHEREAS, Coach Bianco's squad was on pace for its
37 third-straight 40-win season before the 2020 campaign was cut
38 short. After winning 48 in 2018, 41 in 2019 and racing out to a
39 16-1 start in 2020, Ole Miss is tied for the fourth-most wins in
40 the nation since 2018 at 105; and

41 WHEREAS, Bianco improved his record as the Rebel Head Coach
42 to 767-440-1 (.635). He is Ole Miss Baseball's All-Time wins



43 leader and is the third-winningest coach in SEC history, as well
44 as the conference's active wins leader; and

45 WHEREAS, even though the 2020 college baseball season was
46 halted by the public health risk, Coach Bianco and his 2020
47 University of Mississippi "Rebels" Baseball Team has brought honor
48 to their university, their community and to the State of
49 Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and congratulate Ole Miss
52 Head Baseball Coach Mike Bianco for being named "2020 National
53 Coach of the Year" by *Collegiate Baseball* and extend the best
54 wishes of the Mississippi Senate for success in the 2021 Regular
55 and Postseason.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Coach Bianco and Athletic Director Keith Carter, forwarded to
58 Chancellor Glen Boyce and the Board of Trustees of State
59 Institutions of Higher Learning and made available to the Capitol
60 Press Corps.

