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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 514

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
2 UNIVERSITY "BULLDOGS" BASEBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH CHRIS LEMONIS  
3 ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
4 DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the baseball game began with a championship title  
6 riding on it and ended as a wild, maroon and white celebration.  
7 After 129 years of playing high-quality college baseball,  
8 Mississippi State University (MSU) claimed its first National  
9 Championship in any team sport. The Diamond Dogs slammed  
10 defending National Champion Vanderbilt 9-0, while more than 20,000  
11 "Bulldog" fans roared their approval; and

12 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2021, the Mississippi State University  
13 "Bulldogs" Baseball Team won the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic  
14 Association College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha,  
15 Nebraska; and

16 WHEREAS, by defeating Vanderbilt University 9-0, the  
17 Mississippi State University Baseball Team became the first team  
18 in Mississippi State University history to win an NCAA National  
19 Championship, wrapping it in maroon and white; and



20           WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University baseball team has  
21 appeared in three consecutive NCAA College World Series, totaling  
22 12 appearances in school history; and

23           WHEREAS, on June 20, 2021, the Mississippi State University  
24 baseball team recorded 21 strikeouts, which set an NCAA College  
25 World Series single-game team record; and

26           WHEREAS, Will Bednar was named the 2021 NCAA College World  
27 Series Most Outstanding Player; and

28           WHEREAS, catcher Logan Tanner, first baseman Luke Hancock,  
29 shortstop Lane Forsythe, outfielders Tanner Allen and Rowdey  
30 Jordan, and pitcher Will Bednar were named to the 2021 NCAA  
31 College World Series All-Tournament Team; and

32           WHEREAS, Tanner Allen was named the 2021 Southeastern  
33 Conference Player of the Year and the 2021 American Baseball  
34 Coaches and Rawlings Sporting Goods National Player of Year; and

35           WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Lemonis was named the 2021 National  
36 Coach of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*; and

37           WHEREAS, Chris Lemonis is the first Division I Head Coach to  
38 reach the NCAA College World Series in his first two seasons as  
39 head coach of a program in the Super Regional era and the fifth  
40 all-time in NCAA history; and

41           WHEREAS, Dudy Noble Field at Polk-DeMent Stadium on the  
42 campus of Mississippi State University holds the NCAA Division I  
43 baseball on-campus attendance record and regularly attracts record  
44 crowds; and



45 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University baseball team under  
46 the leadership of Head Coach Chris Lemonis displayed outstanding  
47 dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the 2020-2021  
48 season; and

49 WHEREAS, the members of the 2021 National Collegiate Baseball  
50 Championship Team are: K.C. Hunt, Scotty Dubrule, Rowdey Jordan,  
51 Tanner Allen, Kamren James, Brandon Smith, Drew McGowan, Josh  
52 Hatcher, Kellum Clark, Davis Meche, Davis Rokose, Riley Self, Cade  
53 Smith, Stone Simmons, Chase Patrick, Logan Tanner, Luke Hancock,  
54 Landon Sims, Will Bednar, Kyte McDonald, Xavier Lovett, Jackson  
55 Fristoe, Christian MacLeod, Carlisle Koestler, Tanner Leggett,  
56 Parker Stinnett, Brad Cumbest, Preston Johnson, Brayland Skinner,  
57 Eric Cerantola, Mikey Tepper, Lane Forsythe, Kace Garner, Cam  
58 Tullar, Drew Talley, Houston Harding, Brandon Pimentel and Dylan  
59 Carmouche; Head Coach, Chris Lemonis; Assistant Coaches, Scott  
60 Foxhall and Jake Gautreau; Volunteer Assistant/Camps Coordinator,  
61 Kyle Cheesebrough; Coordinator of Operations, Roger Rodeheaver;  
62 and Coordinator of Player Development, Tyler Younger; and

63 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University Baseball Team has  
64 brought great pride and honor to Mississippi State University,  
65 loyal fans of Mississippi State University, and to the entire  
66 State of Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
69 we do hereby congratulate the Mississippi State University



70 "Bulldogs" Baseball Team and Head Coach Chris Lemonis, including  
71 the athletes, coaching staff, administration, faculty, students  
72 and alumni, on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic  
73 Association Division I Baseball Championship.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby recognize  
75 Mississippi State University for its excellence as an institution  
76 of higher education.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
78 the President of Mississippi State University, Dr. Mark Keenum,  
79 the Athletic Director of Mississippi State University, John Cohen,  
80 the Head Coach of the Mississippi State University Baseball Team,  
81 Chris Lemonis, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
82 Higher Learning and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

