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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.

