MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Sparks, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 595

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2 BOONEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL "BLUE DEVILS" BASEBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH 3 KEVIN WILLIAMS FOR WINNING THE 2021 MHSAA CLASS 3A STATE 4 CHAMPIONSHIP WHICH IS THE SECOND TITLE IN SCHOOL HISTORY. WHEREAS, on June 5, 2021, behind a stellar offensive 5 performance and relentless hitting, the Booneville High School 6 7 "Blue Devils" Baseball Team raced past Magee 12-4 in the decisive Game Three to claim the Mississippi High School Activities 8 9 Association (MHSAA) Class 3A State Championship at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Mississippi; and 10 WHEREAS, the victory was Booneville's second State Title in 11 12 school history and first since 1999; and 13 WHEREAS, "We got a large group of seniors (12) and we've 14 talked before about what it takes to win these types of games. This was four years of hard work finally coming together. These 15 guys never had any doubt after the setback in Game One. We felt 16 17 good coming into Game Three with the depth of our pitching," said Booneville Head Coach Kevin Williams; and 18

19 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils got the "hit parade" started early. S. C. R. No. 595 ~ OFFICIAL ~ N1/2 22/SS08/R1443 PAGE 1 (rdd\kr) 20 After the first three batters got on base via a walk and two 21 hit-by-pitches, John Daniel Deaton laced a fly ball over the head 22 of Magee Centerfielder Chandler Pittman for an inside-the-park grand slam that gave Booneville a 4-0 lead. Every time Magee 23 24 tried to get back in it, the Blue Devils (26-11) had an answer. 25 After the Trojans got a run back in the bottom of the first, 26 Booneville extended its lead to 6-1 in the second on a wild pitch 27 and sacrifice fly. When Magee cut the lead to 6-3 on a two-run 28 home run by Brennon McNair in the bottom of the third, the Blue 29 Devils responded with four runs in the fourth, highlighted by 30 Bryce Lindsey's two-run single, to take a 10-3 lead. Booneville 31 added a run in the sixth and seventh to put the game away; and 32 WHEREAS, Ben Davis (8-3) got the win on the mound for the Blue Devils. The lineup pounded out nine hits and benefitted from 33 seven walks and four bean balls. Ben Sandlin and Hayden Donahue 34 35 both had two hits to lead Booneville offensively, but every 36 starter either recorded a hit or walk, scored a run or brought one home. "Ben pitched like a veteran today and did a great job, our 37 38 offense came through today and that's what we needed," Coach 39 Williams said; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devil's 2021 Championship Baseball Team
Roster is: Clark Janzen, Ben Davis, Mikey Smith, Zion Young,
Riley Barnes, Colin Flurry, Kyson Livingston, Austin Harris,
Corbin White, Isaiah Taylor, Tanner Murphy, Joey Wheelington, Ben
Sandlin, Sawyer Richey, Zane Gann, Tapp Fraiser, Alec Nunley, Kade

S. C. R. No. 595 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 22/SS08/R1443 PAGE 2 (rdd\kr) 45 White, Jacob Matthews, Reagan Spencer, Gage Harrelson, Bryson 46 Saylors and James Dexter Nanney; and Head Coach Kevin Williams, 47 Assistant Coaches Brian Guy, Kenny Hicks and Andy McGregor; and 48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group 49 of student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their 50 community and to the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF 52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That 53 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Booneville High School 54 "Blue Devils" Baseball Team and Head Coach Kevin Williams for 55 winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship which is the 56 second title in school history, and extend to the team, coaches, 57 parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to 59 Head Coach Kevin Williams and Booneville Principal Bo Sandlin, 60 forwarded to the Booneville School District, and made available to 61 the Capitol Press Corps.

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Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class
3A State Championship.