

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.

5 WHEREAS, on June 5, 2021, behind a stellar offensive
6 performance and relentless hitting, the Booneville High School
7 "Blue Devils" Baseball Team raced past Magee 12-4 in the decisive
8 Game Three to claim the Mississippi High School Activities
9 Association (MHSAA) Class 3A State Championship at Trustmark Park
10 in Pearl, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the victory was Booneville's second State Title in
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.
15 This was four years of hard work finally coming together. These
16 guys never had any doubt after the setback in Game One. We felt
17 good coming into Game Three with the depth of our pitching," said
18 Booneville Head Coach Kevin Williams; and

19 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils got the "hit parade" started early.



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
23 grand slam that gave Booneville a 4-0 lead. Every time Magee
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
33 Blue Devils. The lineup pounded out nine hits and benefitted from
34 seven walks and four bean balls. Ben Sandlin and Hayden Donahue
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
37 home. "Ben pitched like a veteran today and did a great job, our
38 offense came through today and that's what we needed," Coach
39 Williams said; and

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



45 White, Jacob Matthews, Reagan Spencer, Gage Harrelson, Bryson
46 Saylor 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.

