

By: Senator(s) Hill, Barnett, Branning,
Butler (38th), McCaughn, Moran, Polk, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 2022 PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE "WILDCATS" BASEBALL TEAM FOR
3 WINNING THEIR FIRST-EVER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND HEAD COACH
4 MICHAEL AVALON FOR HIS 200TH CAREER VICTORY.

5 WHEREAS, there is a new champion in NJCAA Division II
6 baseball. After a disheartening loss in game one of the 2022
7 Championship Series, the Pearl River Community College (PRCC)
8 "Wildcats" persisted and won two games in a row to earn their
9 first-ever National Championship; and

10 WHEREAS, PRCC had been on an impressive roll leading up to
11 the championship series. After a record-breaking 45-win season, a
12 MACCC Championship, and a Region 23 Championship, it was no
13 surprise that the "Wildcats" were competing for a national title;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in Enid, Oklahoma, where the Championship Series
16 took place, PRCC lost its first game to No. 2 nationally ranked
17 Madison College. Fortunately, the "Wildcats" did not surrender
18 the championship. Following a dominant victory in game two, the
19 "Wildcats" donned their all-gold uniforms for game three.



20 Subsequently, the gold attire was a good luck charm for PRCC as
21 they defeated Madison College 7-2 to take home the Title of
22 National Champions; and

23 WHEREAS, "They didn't make it easy for sure. That's the way
24 we wanted it and that's the way we prepared all year. We were
25 down early and these guys never quit. What a special group," Head
26 Coach Michael Avalon said. "This is the best program in the
27 country. This is the best community college in the country. I'm
28 just thankful and blessed to be a part of it and be at Pearl
29 River"; and

30 WHEREAS, the victory marked the 200th career win for Michael
31 Avalon as a head coach; and

32 WHEREAS, "This is just a remarkable team and a remarkable
33 coaching staff", PRCC President Dr. Adam Breerwood proudly said;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, additional merits were earned after the
36 championship. Gulfport's D.K Donaldson was awarded the National
37 Junior College Athletic Association Division II tournament's "Most
38 Valuable Player Award." Tate Parker, also from Gulfport, was
39 given the "Outstanding Offensive Player Award." John Griffen Bell
40 of Mobile, Alabama, was granted the "Outstanding Defensive Player
41 Award," and the "Coach of the Tournament" Award was given to none
42 other than Coach Michael Avalon; and

43 WHEREAS, the 2022 PRCC National Championship Roster is: D.K.
44 Donaldson, Tate Parker, Taylor Woodcock, Brennan Jones, Triston



45 Hickman, Lief Moore, Landen Payne, Blaise Breerwood, Jordan
46 Belsome, Cole Fletcher, Cooper Cooksey and Head Coach Michael
47 Avalon; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
49 college athletes who have brought honor to their families, their
50 community college 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 2022 Pearl River
54 Community College "Wildcats" Baseball Team for winning their
55 first-ever National Championship and Head Coach Michael Avalon for
56 his 200th career victory, and extend to the team, coaches, and
57 sponsors our best wishes for future championships.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
59 Head Coach Michael Avalon and the Board of Trustees of Pearl River
60 Community College and forwarded to the State Board for Community
61 Colleges and the Capitol Press Corps.

