

By: Senator(s) Michel, Boyd, Sparks, Hopson, Seymour, Barnett, Blackwell, Butler (38th), McDaniel To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 554

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI BASEBALL'S HEAD COACH MIKE BIANCO FOR
3 HIS THIRD NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR HONOR.

4 WHEREAS, on July 8, 2022, Ole Miss Head Coach Mike Bianco
5 received yet another Coach of the Year honor, this one coming from
6 D1Baseball. This is Bianco's third Coach of the Year honor among
7 major college baseball media outlets, adding to honors from
8 Collegiate Baseball and ABCA; and

9 WHEREAS, on June 8, 2022, Ole Miss Baseball Head Coach Mike
10 Bianco was named the 2020 National Coach of the Year by Collegiate
11 Baseball becoming the first "Rebel" head coach to be named
12 National Coach of the Year. He joins Ole Miss legends Tom Swayze
13 and Jake Gibbs, who combined for six Southeastern Conference Coach
14 of the Year awards, as the only "Rebel" baseball coaches to earn
15 year-end honors; and

16 WHEREAS, the "Rebels" finished the season with an overall
17 record of 42-23, their fourth consecutive 40-win season, joining
18 just a few programs to do so. After going one-and-done in the SEC



19 Tournament, the "Rebels" were among one of the last teams to be
20 selected for an NCAA Tournament, the 18th postseason under Bianco;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Bianco's team won the school's first National
23 Championship in baseball, after a dominant postseason where the
24 "Rebels" finished 10-1 in the NCAA Tournament. In the process,
25 the "Rebels" went to Omaha for just the second time in half a
26 century. This time, however, they came away with some hardware;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, in their National Championship series with the
29 Oklahoma "Sooners" led by Coach Bianco, the "Rebels" swept. In
30 game one, Jack Dougherty threw a no-hit shutout in five complete
31 innings before the "Sooners" found their way back into the game
32 before the end of the sixth. However, in front of a dominant Ole
33 Miss faithful, the "Rebels" hit back-to-back-to-back home runs in
34 the eighth to pull away and eventually win 10-3. The "Rebels"
35 racked up 16 hits, with five different "Rebels" getting multiple
36 hits. Tim Elko led the way by finishing 4-for-5 at the plate, one
37 of which was a home run that began the third inning. Peyton
38 Chatagnier finished 3-to-5, while Calvin Harris, Kemp Alderman and
39 Justin Bench each finished with two. The back-to-back-to-back
40 home runs in the eighth inning came from Harris, Bench and TJ
41 McCants. It was the first time that a team hit that many
42 consecutive home runs in the College World Series since 1998; and



43 WHEREAS, in Ole Miss' championship clinching matchup the
44 following day, Hunter Elliott competed for 6.2 innings and struck
45 out six batters while giving up three hits, two runs and two
46 walks. Mason Nichols, John Gaddis and Brandon Johnson carried the
47 torch the rest of the way, with the latter throwing the final
48 strike to take the lid off Charles Schwab Stadium and start the in
49 field dogpile; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join Coach Bianco's
51 national peers in honoring a collegiate baseball leader who has
52 brought recognition to his team, his university and to the State
53 of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby commend and congratulate University of Mississippi
57 Baseball's Head Coach Mike Bianco for his third National Coach of
58 the Year honor and extend to Coach Bianco and his family our
59 thanks for the ultimate recognition he and his staff have brought
60 to the State of Mississippi and our best wishes for future
61 championships.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to
63 Coach Mike Bianco and his family, forwarded to University of
64 Mississippi Athletic Direct Keith Carter and Chancellor Glenn
65 Boyce and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
66 Learning and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

