

By: Senator(s) Seymour, England, Barnett,
Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE EAST CENTRAL
2 HIGH SCHOOL "HORNETS" BASEBALL TEAM IN HURLEY, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 COACH BO LONG FOR WINNING THE 2022 MHSAA CLASS 5A STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP, THEIR FIRST STATE TITLE SINCE 2008.

5 WHEREAS, East Central Junior, Andrew Marble, gave his
6 community another team to discuss on May 27, 2022, at Trustmark
7 Park, in addition to the 2008 and 2009 teams. Marble scored the
8 game-winning run in East Central High School's 3-2 victory lead
9 against Neshoba Central, then followed it with a pitching gem in
10 Game 2. Marble allowed five hits, one earned run with five
11 strikeouts as the "Hornets" (28-6) won 7-3 to claim the MHSAA
12 Class 5A State Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, Marble had a 9-2 record with 0.86 ERA heading into
14 Game 2, and Coach Bo Long saw him give up an RBI single in the
15 first inning. East Central still led 2-1 against Neshoba Central
16 (27-2). The rest was up to Marble. "He's just been really good
17 for us all year and that's what we expect when he goes on the
18 mound," Coach Long said; and



19 WHEREAS, Senior Hollis Porter continued the scoring for the
20 "Hornets" in the fourth, with a two-run triple to right field to
21 extend East Central's lead. Porter finished 1-for-3 with two RBIs
22 in Game 2. He finished the year with 30 RBIs and six home runs;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, East Central went 8-1 in the playoffs and held
25 opponents to 2.1 runs per game. The Game 2 victory was the
26 "Hornets" sixth consecutive game holding their opponents to three
27 or fewer runs. East Central's pitching dominance helped end the
28 14-year drought, and it was worth the wait. "In the last 10 years
29 that was our fourth trip to the South State and we just haven't
30 been able to get over the hump and to finally do that is huge,"
31 Coach Long said; and

32 WHEREAS, the 2022 East Central Championship Roster: Andrew
33 Marble, Hollis Porter, Caleb Gardner, Cadyn Hayes, Carson
34 Lewelling, Chandler Thompson, Eli Smith, Brayson Owenby, Matthew
35 Combs, Carson Ryder, Brody Howard, Grant Vick, TJ Dunsford, Jaxon
36 Cripps, Blake Hayes, Anthony Tanner, Logan Terry, Haydn Porter,
37 Pacey Baria, Branson Hearndon, Fisher Strickler, Payton
38 Youngblood, Brody Long, Cody Baria, Payton McLean, Mason Prouty,
39 JT Wilson, Porter Martin, Brandt Dickerson, Christian McFaul,
40 Gaines Huff, Nate Trochessett and Head Coach Bo Long, Assistant
41 Coaches Stephen Garrard and Brian Knight; and



42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
43 of student athletes who have brought honor to their team, their
44 school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the East
47 Central High School "Hornets" Baseball Team in Hurley,
48 Mississippi, and Coach Bo Long for winning the 2022 MHSAA Class 5A
49 State Championship, their first State Title since 2008, and extend
50 to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for
51 future success.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Coach Bo Long and East Central Principal Jim Hughey, forwarded to
54 the Jackson County Board of Education and be made available to the
55 Capitol Press Corps.

