

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Barnett, Blackwell,
Butler (38th), Jackson, Parker

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE "RANGERS" SOFTBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH CHELSEA BRAMLETT FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST REGION 23 TITLE AND
4 THEIR FIRST MACCC "ACADEMIC TEAM OF THE YEAR" AWARD.

5 WHEREAS, Northwest Softball had a historic year, capturing
6 the program's first bid into the NJCAA Division II Championship
7 Tournament. The "Rangers" were far from satisfied heading into
8 the Region 23 Tournament Championship match with LSU Eunice, and
9 made history once more, rallying from a 2-0 deficit to pull out a
10 9-2 win against the "Bengals," claiming the program's first-ever
11 Region 23 Title; and

12 WHEREAS, Five Northwest teams were recognized as MACCC
13 Academic Teams of the Year; leading the way with the highest
14 overall GPA for all sports was the "Rangers" softball team, which
15 recorded a 3.73 grade point average. It is the first "Academic
16 Team of the Year" award for softball under Bramlett's three-year
17 tenure; and



18 WHEREAS, for the last two seasons, the Northwest softball
19 record books have been rewritten across-the-board thanks to
20 arguably the most dominant sophomore class in program history.
21 Coach Chelsea Bramlett's group has accounted for 59 victories over
22 the past two seasons, including two appearances into the NJCAA
23 Region 23 Tournament. Northwest also concluded the 2022 season
24 with a 39-15 overall record, the most victories recorded in a
25 single season; and

26 WHEREAS, the "Rangers" finished the year as Region 23
27 champions and as one of the Final Four Teams left in the NJCAA
28 Division II Softball Championship Tournament, an event that
29 started with 16 teams; and

30 WHEREAS, after breaking the program's single-season and
31 career-stolen base records this season, Northwest sophomore
32 speedster Laila Armstrong can add another honor to her collection.
33 Armstrong has been chosen as this year's NJCAA Division II
34 recipient of the "New Balance-NFCA Golden Shoe Award," the
35 National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced on Friday
36 afternoon. The award is given to the nation's best base stealer
37 from an NFCA member institution; and

38 WHEREAS, infielder Caylee Comer, catcher Molly Harris and
39 outfielder Saige Koczka earned All-Tournament recognition, as
40 announced by the NJCAA. Out of 16 teams in the tournament field,
41 the trio were among just 13 players selected for the postseason
42 honor; and



43 WHEREAS, Head Coach Chelsea Bramlett was recognized as the
44 NJCAA Gulf A District (Region 23) "Coach of the Year." Bramlett
45 was presented with the award during the NJCAA Division II Softball
46 Championship Banquet at Talladega Superspeedway. It is the first
47 Coach of the Year Award for Bramlett, who is in her third season
48 leading the "Rangers". Bramlett has guided the softball program
49 to new heights during her brief tenure at Northwest. In just
50 three seasons, she has compiled a 63-37 overall record, good for a
51 .630 winning percentage. She has also guided the "Rangers" to its
52 deepest postseason run ever, which included the first NJCAA Region
53 23 Championship; and

54 WHEREAS, the team consisted of Haleigh Buchanan of Tunica,
55 Mississippi; Laila Armstrong of Olive Branch, Mississippi; Kylee
56 Brown of Bethel Springs, Tennessee; Meredith Owen of Covington,
57 Tennessee; Anna Nickens of Senatobia, Mississippi; Reese
58 Vanlandingham of Guntown, Mississippi; Bailey Russell of
59 Batesville, Mississippi; Gracie Mettetal of Sardis, Mississippi;
60 Molly Harris of Senatobia, Mississippi; Maddie Brower of Olive
61 Branch, Mississippi; Saige Koczka of Southaven, Mississippi;
62 Jaclyn Carter of Hernando, Mississippi; Meagan Allen of Lepanto,
63 Arkansas; Kylie Gurley of Potts Camp, Mississippi; Caylee Comer of
64 Brighton, Tennessee; Maggie Brubbs of Hernando, Mississippi; Randi
65 Johnson of Booneville, Mississippi; Gabby Dickerson of Olive
66 Branch, Mississippi; McKayee Polk of Senatobia, Mississippi; and
67 Kaitlyn Bednarek of Olive Branch, Mississippi; and



68 WHEREAS, Northwest Softball staff consisted of Chelsea
69 Bramlett, Head Coach; Dustin Young, Assistant Coach; Amber Thomas,
70 Athletic Trainer; Randall Pharr, Head Strength and Conditioning
71 Coach; Jake Gordon, Athletic Director; Liesl Mote, Athletic
72 Academic Advisor; Brian Lentz, Sports Information Director; Brian
73 Oakley, Assistant Sports Information Director; and

74 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
75 student athletes who have brought honor to their college, their
76 community and to the State of Mississippi:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
78 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
79 Northwest Mississippi Community College "Rangers" Softball Team
80 and Head Coach Chelsea Bramlett for winning their first Region 23
81 Title and their first MACCC "Academic Team of the Year" Award, and
82 extend the best wishes of the Mississippi Senate to the team,
83 coaches, families and sponsors for future athletic and academic
84 success.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
86 Head Coach Chelsea Bramlett and NWMCC President Michael J. Heindl,
87 PhD., J.D., for the team, forwarded to the NWMCC Board of Trustees
88 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

