

By: Senator(s) Barrett, Berry

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE COPIAH-LINCOLN  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE "LADY WOLVES" SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023  
3 NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II SOFTBALL  
4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2023 Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Lady  
6 Wolves" Softball Team reigned supreme, winning the 2023 National  
7 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Softball  
8 National Championship in Spartanburg, South Carolina, on May 27,  
9 2023, the first National Championship win in school history in any  
10 sport; and

11 WHEREAS, striving to win with unparalleled motivation and  
12 determination, the "Lady Wolves" played their best during the  
13 championship, as their mental stamina and athletic prowess never  
14 wavered from the time they first walked onto that red, dusty  
15 diamond until the moment they were named champions; and

16 WHEREAS, outstandingly, the team earned its first number one  
17 ranking in program history in the NJCAA Division II Softball poll,  
18 and it finished the season with a program record for wins at 49-10  
19 overall, in addition to winning the first NJCAA Region 23



20 Championship since 2008, at Jones College in Ellisville,  
21 Mississippi, on May 15, 2023, and it also finished the season with  
22 a Mississippi Association of Community College Conference (MACCC)  
23 record of 25-3; and

24 WHEREAS, the "Lady Wolves" statistics were impressive, but  
25 the key to this team's consistent success has been the true love  
26 they each possess for the game and the year-round hard work shown  
27 by each and every talented and distinguished player; and

28 WHEREAS, the 2023 Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Lady  
29 Wolves" Softball Team is comprised of the following outstanding  
30 student-athletes: sophomores, Maggie West, Belle West, Josie  
31 Meggs, Maddie Weeks, Elena Thompson, Laurel Breland, Faith Kivett,  
32 Skyler Speights, Julianna Frazier, Lila Blackburn and Lizzy  
33 Hollingsworth; and freshmen, Zykeria Cole, Laney Waguespack, Leia  
34 Phillips, Madison Moak, Kat Case, Cara Biswell, Sarah Grace Smith,  
35 Ellie Williamson, Bailee Goodson and Abby Grace Richardson; and

36 WHEREAS, the "Lady Wolves" have been superbly coached and  
37 inspired by Head Coach Meleah Howard, and Assistant Coaches Amber  
38 Beall and Drake Flowers, who have broadened the team's knowledge  
39 of the game and refined their skills and execution; and

40 WHEREAS, Head Coach Meleah Howard was named NJCAA Gulf A  
41 District "Coach of the Year," NJCAA Region 23 "Coach of the Year,"  
42 and NJCAA National Championship "Coach of the Tournament"; and

43 WHEREAS, catcher Abby Grace Richardson was named the "Most  
44 Outstanding Offensive Player" and "Most Valuable Player" of the



45 National Tournament, First Team All-MACCC, and NJCAA Third Team  
46 All-American; outfielder Madison Moak was named to the  
47 All-Tournament Team; pitcher Cara Biswell was named the "Most  
48 Outstanding Pitcher" of the National Tournament; and infielder  
49 Faith Kivett was named the "Most Outstanding Defensive Player";  
50 and

51 WHEREAS, additionally, pitcher Cara Biswell, outfielder  
52 Madison Moak, infielder Maddie Weeks, catcher Abby Grace  
53 Richardson, and pitcher Belle West were all named NJCAA All-Region  
54 23; and

55 WHEREAS, infielder Maddie Weeks, outfielder Madison Moak, and  
56 catcher Abby Grace Richardson were named First Team All-MACCC, and  
57 shortstop Faith Kivett and infielder Josie Meggs earned Second  
58 Team All-MACCC honors; and

59 WHEREAS, players Zykeria Cole, Josie Meggs, Madison Moak,  
60 Abby Grace Richardson, Sarah Grace Smith, Elena Thompson, Laney  
61 Waguespack and Maggie West were recognized as MACCC Distinguished  
62 Academic All-State; and Lila Blackburn, Laurel Breland, Kat Case,  
63 Julianna Frazier, Bailee Goodson, Lizzy Hollingsworth, Faith  
64 Kivett, Skyler Speights, Maddie Weeks, Belle West and Ellie  
65 Williamson were recognized as Academic All-MACCC; and

66 WHEREAS, Zykeria Cole was recognized as NJCAA All-Academic  
67 First Team; Josie Meggs, Madison Moak, Abby Grace Richardson,  
68 Sarah Grace Smith, Elena Thompson and Maggie West were recognized  
69 as NJCAA All-Academic Second Team; and Lila Blackburn, Julianna



70 Frazier, Faith Kivett, Laney Waguespack, Maddie Weeks and Ellie  
71 Williamson were recognized as NJCAA All-Academic Third Team; and

72 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend  
73 the superb accomplishments of Mississippi's student-athletes,  
74 especially those such as the "Lady Wolves," whose hard work and  
75 dedication bring honor to Copiah-Lincoln Community College and to  
76 the State of Mississippi:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
78 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend the 2023  
79 Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Lady Wolves" Softball Team for  
80 winning the 2023 National Junior College Athletic Association  
81 Division II Softball National Championship, and extend best wishes  
82 to the team, Head Coach Meleah Howard and assistant coaches for  
83 continued success.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
85 the 2023 Copiah-Lincoln Community College "Lady Wolves" Softball  
86 Team and made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

