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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL
2 ALL-AMERICAN CAREER OF JACKSON PREP'S MULTIPOSITION SENIOR
3 BASEBALL STAR PLAYER KONNOR GRIFFIN.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep is well-known for producing top
5 scholars, top performers and top athletes. Baseball High School
6 All-American Konnor Griffin is no exception. Seventeen-year-old
7 Konnor Griffin, considered by many experts to be the best high
8 school player in America, pitches and plays shortstop for Jackson
9 Prep, but he could play anywhere on the diamond. Indeed, most
10 Major League scouts seem to believe he will play center field at
11 the highest level; and

12 WHEREAS, Griffin, a senior, has had an impressive career at
13 Prep as part of the three-time State Championship Baseball Team.
14 A High School All-American, Griffin has traveled the world playing
15 the game he loves. Perfect Game has ranked him second in the
16 country, and he has been invited to play in Perfect Game events,
17 Future MLB events, and the Under Armour All-American Game; and



18 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep senior shortstop Konnor Griffin has
19 been named to the prestigious 'Golden Spikes' Award Watch List.
20 Griffin joins 54 other high school and college baseball players
21 named to this year's Watch List. Griffin is one of only two high
22 school players to be selected; and

23 WHEREAS, Griffin was a member of the 18-U USA National Team
24 this fall and competed in the WBSC (World Baseball Softball
25 Confederation) U-18 Baseball World Cup August 31-September 10,
26 2023, in Taipei City, Taiwan. Griffin also made the 15U National
27 Team three years ago, but the World Cup was cancelled due to Covid
28 concerns. The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Griffin has committed to
29 defending National Champion LSU and signed his national letter of
30 intent in November 2023; and

31 WHEREAS, Griffin also participated in the 2023 High School
32 All-American Game and was one of eight players to participate in
33 the MLB-USA Baseball High School Homerun Derby as part of the
34 Major League Baseball All-Star week in Seattle and played in
35 Perfect Game's Dick's Sporting Goods All-American Classic in
36 Phoenix in the summer of 2023; and

37 WHEREAS, Griffin helped lead Jackson Prep to its sixth
38 consecutive and Mississippi record MAIS Class 6A State
39 Championship, a 31-4 record, and a No. 19 national ranking by
40 Perfect Game this past spring. He was named a High School
41 All-American and selected as the PriorityOne Bank/Mississippi
42 Scoreboard Metro Jackson Baseball Player of the Year; and



43 WHEREAS, a right-handed pitcher, whose fastball tops out in
44 the mid-90s, Griffin had a 7-1 record, and a 1.38 earned run
45 average with 81 strikeouts and only 15 walks in 50 2/3 innings.
46 As a right-handed hitter, Griffin had a .537 batting average with
47 43 runs, 30 runs batted in, 6 doubles, 2 triples and 8 home runs.
48 Blessed with the ability to hit with power to all fields, Griffin
49 had a .951 slugging percentage; and

50 WHEREAS, Jay Powell, Prep's Assistant Head Coach who once won
51 the seventh game of the World Series has said, "I'll tell you
52 this. Konnor is the best athlete I have ever been around, and I
53 have been around a few." Powell's Major League teammates have
54 included Alex Rodriguez, Chipper Jones and Todd Helton. Brent
55 Heavener, the Prep Head Coach said, "Konnor's special, a special
56 young man. I would say that even if he didn't play baseball"; and

57 WHEREAS, Griffin is not only a standout on the baseball
58 diamond, but he is also a true teammate and cares about others
59 more than himself. His love of the game is contagious, and he
60 motivates his team with his work ethic; and

61 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend the
62 remarkable record of this young Mississippi student athlete who
63 has brought honor to his school, his community and to the State of
64 Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the outstanding High
67 School All-American career of Jackson Prep's multiposition Senior



68 Baseball Star Player Konnor Griffin, and extend the best wishes of
69 the Mississippi Senate to Konner and his family and his coaches as
70 he embarks on the next phase of his baseball career.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
72 Konnor Griffin and his family, forwarded to Brent Heavener,
73 Jackson Prep Head Baseball Coach, and Jay Powell, Jackson Prep
74 Assistant Head Baseball Coach, the Board of Trustees of Jackson
75 Prep, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

