

By: Senator(s) Harkins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HARTFIELD
2 ACADEMY "LADY HAWKS" SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACH TODD AULTMAN FOR
3 WINNING THE MAIS AAAAAA FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE
4 SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS.

5 WHEREAS, the Hartfield Academy "Lady Hawks" Girls Softball
6 Team has once again emerged victorious, clinching the MAIS AAAAAA
7 Fast-Pitch Softball Championship for the second time in three
8 years. Their remarkable journey to the title included a season
9 full of impressive wins, a commanding performance over rival
10 Jackson Prep, and wrapping up the season with an outstanding
11 record; and

12 WHEREAS, this remarkable team has established a tradition of
13 excellence in recent years, securing the 6A State Championship two
14 out of the last three years. This year, they continued their
15 winning streak, capping it off with back-to-back victories over
16 Jackson Prep in the Championship Series. Notably, Hartfield
17 Academy had already defeated Jackson Prep earlier in the season,
18 which added an extra layer of anticipation to the Championship
19 showdown; and



20 WHEREAS, Hartfield Softball, under the leadership of Coach
21 Todd Aultman, wrapped up the season with an impressive 21-9
22 overall record. Their performance in Conference play was equally
23 impressive, finishing with a 9-1 record and securing the #1 seed.
24 The only loss in Conference play came in a closely fought
25 extra-innings battle against PCS, a testament to their resilience
26 and determination; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout the state tournament, the "Lady Hawks"
28 remained undefeated, earning their place in the best-of-three
29 Championship Series. The first game, played at home, resulted in
30 a hard-fought 5-3 victory, setting the stage for the final
31 showdown at Jackson Prep; and

32 WHEREAS, in the Championship Game, Hartfield Academy found
33 themselves in a challenging situation, trailing 5-0 after just two
34 innings. However, these "Lady Hawks" showcased incredible
35 determination, mounting an inspiring comeback to secure an 8-6
36 victory. The thrilling win not only earned them the State Title
37 but also marked the second time in the program's history that they
38 had claimed the Championship. This remarkable victory also marked
39 the first time in Hartfield softball history that they achieved an
40 undefeated season over their rivals, Jackson Prep; and

41 WHEREAS, Coach Aultman, Coach McKinney, and the entire
42 Hartfield Academy Community are overflowing with pride for the
43 girls softball team's outstanding achievement. This Championship



44 win not only reflects the players' exceptional skills but also
45 their teamwork, unwavering spirit and determination; and

46 WHEREAS, the Hartfield Academy Girls Softball Team's
47 Championship triumph is not just a victory; it's a testament to
48 their dedication and the remarkable bond they share as teammates.
49 Their legacy in the world of softball continues to grow, and the
50 future is promising for this talented and spirited group of
51 athletes; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2023 Hartfield Academy "Lady Hawks" Girls
53 Fast-Pitch Softball Championship Team Roster: Heidi Moore, Ana
54 Campbell Singletary, Caroline Cronin, Faith Tillery, Carson Smith,
55 Addyson "Roo" Roberts, Aleigh Newman, Braxtyn Jones, Addyson
56 Adams, Raegan Huber, Shanya Williams, Kyleigh Seymour, Brelyn
57 "Bre" Wright and Cambrie Barnard; Head Coach Todd Aultman; and
58 Assistant Coaches Julie McKinney and Brooke Fagan; and

59 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
60 student athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
61 community and to the State of Mississippi:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
63 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
64 Hartfield Academy "Lady Hawks" Softball Team and Coach Todd
65 Aultman for winning the MAIS AAAAAA Fast-Pitch Softball
66 Championship for the second time in three years, and extend to the
67 team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
68 success.



69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
70 Hartfield Academy Coach Todd Aultman and Principal Jim Delaughter
71 for the team, forwarded to the Hartfield Academy Board of
72 Trustees, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

