

By: Senator(s) Barrett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BROOKHAVEN
2 ACADEMY COUGARS GIRLS FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACH LISA
3 COVINGTON FOR SWEEPING RIVAL PARKLANE FOR THE 2024 MAIS 5A GIRLS
4 FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, Brookhaven Academy finished off the 2024 MAIS 5A
6 Championship series with a thrilling 9-6 win over Parklane Academy
7 in game two on October 10, 2024, in McComb, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, the Cougars had previously won game one 3-2 at home.
9 The title is the third in four seasons for the program; and

10 WHEREAS, the Brookhaven Academy Cougars are the 2024 MAIS 5A
11 State Champions after sweeping their best of three series against
12 Parklane Academy with a 9-6 road victory in game two. The
13 championship is the third in four seasons for Brookhaven Academy
14 and gave the program a measure of revenge against Parklane Academy
15 after the Pioneers defeated the Cougars in the title series in
16 2023; and

17 WHEREAS, tied 6-6 in the top of the seventh inning with the
18 bases loaded and two outs, Brookhaven Academy junior center
19 fielder Alayna Daigle provided one of the most memorable plays in



20 school history, as her double to center cleared the bases and put
21 the Cougars ahead for good; and

22 WHEREAS, a night after Brookhaven Academy Head Coach Lisa
23 Covington saw her team go down 2-0 at home, only to come back for
24 a 3-2 win, the teams battled in another game with wild momentum
25 swings. Parklane led 2-0 before Brookhaven Academy tied the game
26 up at 2-2 following the top of the third. The Pioneers then
27 jumped right back ahead 5-2 after three complete innings.
28 Brookhaven Academy had its biggest inning of the night in the top
29 half of the fourth, scoring four runs to go ahead 6-5, but that
30 advantage did not last the full inning as Parklane scored once in
31 the bottom half to tie the game again at 6-6. That is where the
32 score stood through the fifth and sixth, before Daigle broke it
33 open for Brookhaven Academy in the top of the seventh. The
34 Cougars outhit the Pioneers 12-8; and

35 WHEREAS, the 2024 Brookhaven Academy Cougars Championship
36 roster is: Peyton Davis, Ann Elise Duncan, Charlee Haire, Miriam
37 Wallace, Madelynn Lambert, Annaston Poole, Bailey Parks, Whitney
38 Grace Whittington, Emme Barrett, Tori Gaudet, Ella Edwards, Maggie
39 Ray, Joleigh Langham, Jessi Covington, Alayna Daigle, Mattie
40 Leggett, Caroline Case, Tinsley Rogers, Laci Brooke Leggett, Mia
41 Lee, Kensy Covington, Swayze Poole, Morgan Chemin, Abby Wilson,
42 and Annabel Gaskin; and



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

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
48 Brookhaven Academy Cougars Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Team and
49 Coach Lisa Covington for sweeping rival Parklane for the 2024 MAIS
50 5A Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Title, and extend to the team,
51 coaches, faculty, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future
52 championships.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Head Coach Lisa Covington for the team, forwarded to Brookhaven
55 Academy Head of School Jason Case and the Board of Trustees, and
56 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

