

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.

