

By: Representative Calvert

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WEST
2 LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS BASEBALL TEAM UPON WINNING THE
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A BASEBALL
4 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the West Lauderdale High School Knights Baseball
6 Team captured the Mississippi High School Athletics Association
7 (MHSAA) Class 4A Baseball State Championship, its first title
8 since 2021, and its 16th overall, the most in MHSAA; and

9 WHEREAS, the Knights (32-7) won Game 1 on May 20, 2025, 2-1,
10 and fell to the Purvis High School Tornadoes in the second, 4-3,
11 on May 22, 2025, but the team held on and reigned victorious
12 against Purvis 3-2 on May 23, 2025, to win the MHSAA 4A state
13 championship at Trustmark Park in Game 3; and

14 WHEREAS, West Lauderdale's Sophomore pitcher, Rylan Kennedy,
15 threw six innings, recorded eight strikeouts, and allowed one hit
16 and no runs, while winning the series MVP; and

17 WHEREAS, West Lauderdale scored one run in the first inning
18 on a sacrifice fly, but a throwing error to home from starting
19 Purvis pitcher Jacob Parker allowed two runs to score, and Purvis



20 tried to rally in the top of the seventh and scored two runs, but
21 that is all the Tornadoes could muster; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Jason Smith said the pitching and stadium were
23 a testament to why all three games were decided by one run; and

24 WHEREAS, the Knights have been supported in their athletic
25 endeavors and can attribute much of their success to the
26 administration, staff, parents, fans and overall supporters whose
27 encouragement has remained fervent throughout the season; and

28 WHEREAS, the Knights have developed a winning and cooperative
29 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
30 and attitude reflect great credit upon each team member,
31 including: Hunter Russell, Xavier Thompson, Dalyn Marshall,
32 Cooper Rainer, Cody Pigford, Zayden Moore, Ridge Brown, Landry
33 Maxwell, Carter Horton, Chris Rush, Braydn Warren, Cole Garrison,
34 Tanner Spears, Shelton Cole, Rylan Kennedy, Kayden Peoples,
35 Braylon Dixon, Jacob Wooten, Jackson Letkiewicz, Micah Thompson,
36 Cooper Clay, Parker Rawson, John Sterling Landwehr, Carter
37 McMullen and Travion Mosley; coaches: Jason Smith, Jody Hurst,
38 Dustin Hamrick and Kameron Partridge; and managers: Trevor Whalen
39 and Jack Westra; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the
42 youth of our state, such as the West Lauderdale High School
43 Knights Baseball Team, who are its future:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and
46 congratulate the West Lauderdale High School Knights Baseball Team
47 for winning the Mississippi High School Athletics Association
48 Class 4A Baseball State Championship, and extend best wishes for
49 continued success in all their future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to the West Lauderdale High School Knights Baseball
52 Team, and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.

