

By: Senator(s) King, Dearing, Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 562

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PETAL
2 HIGH SCHOOL VETERAN COACH KAREN ARNOLD FOR BEING NAMED THE 2003
3 HATTIESBURG AMERICAN ALL-AREA SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL COACH OF THE
4 YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Petal High School Slow-Pitch Softball Girls Team
6 reversed their fortunes in the 2003 season by advancing deep into
7 the Class 4A playoffs; and

8 WHEREAS, Petal finished 26-7 overall and reached the 4A South
9 State finals before falling to Lawrence County in three games; and

10 WHEREAS, for this stellar achievement, Coach Karen Arnold was
11 named the 2003 *Hattiesburg American* All-Area Slow-Pitch Softball
12 Coach of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, Karen Arnold has guided the Petal High School
14 slow-pitch softball program for the past 11 seasons; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Arnold coaches with patience and a positive
16 approach, as evidenced by the following assessment: "With kids
17 these days, they have enough negatives in their lives; you want to
18 make softball fun. The only reason we're all out here is because
19 we like to play ball and we want to have fun"; and

20 WHEREAS, although Coach Arnold keeps the drill fun on the
21 field, there is always a serious purpose underlying Coach Arnold's
22 leadership due to the winning tradition at Petal; every time the
23 players step on the field in a uniform that says "Petal," the
24 opposition is aware of the historical strength of the program; and

25 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this leader
26 of young athletes and students, whose spirit and winning tradition
27 brings honor to her school, her community and to the State of
28 Mississippi:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
31 we do hereby commend and congratulate Petal High School Slow-Pitch
32 Softball Girls Team Coach Karen Arnold for being recognized as the
33 2003 *Hattiesburg American* All-Area Slow-Pitch Softball Coach of
34 the Year, and wish her and her team success in the seasons to
35 come.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
37 Coach Arnold, be made available to the *Hattiesburg American* and
38 the Capitol Press Corps.