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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2003
2 JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL (PREP) "LADY PATRIOTS" GIRLS FAST PITCH
3 SOFTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH ALLYN BOND FOR WINNING THE MISSISSIPPI
4 PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S (MPSA) OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND
5 CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

6 WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 4, 2003, the Jackson Preparatory
7 School "Lady Patriots" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team won its second
8 consecutive Mississippi Private School Association Overall Championship
9 with a dominating 8-2 victory over Hillcrest Christian School before an
10 estimated crowd of 150 at Mississippi College; and

11 WHEREAS, this was the second straight Overall Championship title
12 for the Lady Patriots, who for the second consecutive season defeated
13 Hillcrest Christian School for the title, and finished with a 24-8
14 record and ranked No. 1 in *The Clarion-Ledger* final poll; and

15 WHEREAS, Head Coach Allyn Bond finished her fourth season as head
16 coach and sixth in the program (she was an Assistant Coach to her
17 husband, Chris, for two seasons, and now Chris is her Assistant Coach);
18 and

19 WHEREAS, for this championship effort, Coach Bond was selected
20 Clarion-Ledger Metro Coach of the Week, Morgan Brister and Maribeth
21 Willoughby were selected Clarion-Ledger Metro Players of the Week and,
22 Emily Sumrall and K.K. Toler were selected Clarion-Ledger Metro Top
23 Performers; and

24 WHEREAS, every member of the first team was named to the
25 All-Academic Team by the National Association of Fast Pitch Coaches; and

26 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep earned the title by peaking at the right
27 time, playing great defense and putting together a consistent line-up,
28 and the team roster is as follows: K.K. Toler, Maribeth Willoughby,

29 Morgan Brister, Emily Sumrall, Amanda Lee Griffin, Blair Bailey,
30 Elizabeth Clark Simmons, Mary Stanton Toler, Callie Mounger, Jennifer
31 Roberts, Kelsey Griffin, Haley Stevens, Mary Jordan McDill, Haley Toler,
32 Katie Britton, Merrill Maddox, Ruth Schimmel and Kelli Chandler; and

33 WHEREAS, individual team performances include Morgan Brister, who
34 became the first Mississippian to be named a high school fast pitch
35 All-American last season, and led Prep in batting average .402 and runs
36 34, Senior second baseman K.K. Toler, who hit .400 and scored 30 runs,
37 and pitcher Maribeth Willoughby, who, in addition to her brilliant
38 pitching (20-7 record and 1.25 ERA) hit .385 with a team-high 29 RBIs;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, special team awards include the following: Rookie of the
41 Year---Jennifer Roberts, Most Improved-----Merrill Maddox, Patriot
42 Award---K.K. Toler, Most Valuable Offense----Morgan Brister, Most
43 Valuable Defense---Emily Sumrall, Most Valuable Player----Maribeth
44 Willoughby; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group of
46 student-athletes who have brought honor to their school, their community
47 and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2003 Jackson Prep "Lady
51 Patriots" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team and Head Coach Allyn Bond
52 for winning the Mississippi Private School Association's Overall
53 State Championship for the second consecutive year, and wish them
54 continued success in their future scholastic and athletic
55 endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Coach Bond and the Headmaster of Jackson Preparatory School and be
58 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.