

By: Senator(s) Michel, Tollison, To: Rules
Davis, Chaney, Clarke, Burton

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OLE
2 MISS "REBELS" BASEBALL TEAM AND COACH MIKE BIANCO FOR THEIR
3 RECORD-SETTING 2005 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, in the 2005 season, the Ole Miss "Rebels" Baseball
5 Team, led by Coach Mike Bianco (198-110-1), has set school records
6 for overall wins (48), home victories (30), conference record
7 (18-12) and home attendance (182,957); and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the Rebels also won a
9 share of the Southeastern Conference West Title and advanced to
10 the SEC Tournament Title game; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the Rebels also advanced
12 to the NCAA post-season for a third straight season for the first
13 time in school history; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the Rebels earned a
15 national seed (No. 5), hosted a regional for the second straight
16 year, won that regional in three games and then hosted a super
17 regional for the first time in school history, losing to eventual
18 National Champion Texas in the third game of the Oxford Super
19 Regional. Prior to the College World Series, Ole Miss out-hit
20 Texas in each super regional game, including a 32-27 total for the
21 series; but Ole Miss left 30 runners on base, showing how close
22 they were to advancing to Omaha; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the fan atmosphere at
24 Swayze Field reached record proportions, with fan attendance
25 ranking third of all the 16 NCAA Regionals and ranking first in
26 attendance of all the Super Regionals. The school is also
27 planning a \$3-5 Million expansion to the Oxford-University Stadium

28 due to the increased attendance. People from all over the country
29 attending the regional games have commented about the unbelievable
30 environment created at Ole Miss baseball games; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, Junior outfielder Brian
32 Pettway was a first team selection to the 15th annual National
33 College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-America Team and
34 first team honors from Collegiate Baseball newspaper, while Junior
35 Stephen Head garnered second team honors as a utility player.
36 Pettway was drafted in the third round of Major League Baseball
37 First-Year Player Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays while Head was
38 selected in the second round by the Cleveland Indians; and

39 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the Rebels produced
40 three pitchers (Holliman, Maloney, Fowler) who each posted
41 100-plus strikeouts in the same season; and

42 WHEREAS, in addition to those feats, the Rebels set school
43 records for hits (759), RBIs (462) and runs scored (501) in a
44 season; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group
46 of student athletes who have brought honor to their university,
47 their community and to the State of Mississippi and have made
48 Oxford-University Stadium one of the best venues for college
49 baseball:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Ole Miss "Rebels"
53 Baseball Team and Coach Mike Bianco for the record-setting 2005
54 season and extend to them the best wishes of the Legislature for
55 success next season.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 the Ole Miss Baseball Team and be made available to the Capitol
58 Press Corps.