

By: Representatives Powell, Yancey

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HARTFIELD
2 ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BROOKE GORDON UPON WINNING
3 THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SOFTBALL STATE
4 CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Hartfield Academy Softball Team
6 clinched a well-deserved victory when they swept through the
7 Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) State
8 Tournament undefeated seven-game streak to win the 2023 MAIS State
9 Softball Championship after erasing a five-run deficit in the
10 final game of the three-game series against Jackson Prep; and

11 WHEREAS, similar to the agile, ferocious birds of prey for
12 which they are named, the Lady Hawks softball team, appearing in
13 their eighth consecutive state playoff, finished their season with
14 a 21-9 record, going 9-1 in conference play, wielded its
15 exceptionally powerful bite, severing the state championship
16 dreams of each of their opponents in the state playoffs; and

17 WHEREAS, striving to win with unparalleled motivation and
18 ardent determination, the Lady Hawks embraced a champion's
19 mentality as their stamina and athletic prowess never wavered from



20 the moment they first walked onto that red, dusty diamond until
21 the last out was made, soaring to the pinnacle of excellence and
22 mounting the summit of tournament play as state champions; and

23 WHEREAS, the Lady Hawks' team statistics were impressive, but
24 the key to this team's consistent success has been the constant
25 selfless atmosphere, the true love they each possess for the game,
26 and the year-round hard work by each and every talented and
27 distinguished player, including: Heidi Moore, Ana Campbell
28 Singletary, Caroline Cronin, Faith Tillery, Carson Smith,
29 Addyson "Roo" Roberts, Aleigh Newman, Braxtyn Jones, Addyson
30 Adams, Raegan Huber, Shanya Williams, Kyleigh Seymour, Brelyn
31 "Bre" Wright and Cambrie Barnard; and

32 WHEREAS, Head Coach Todd Aultman and Assistant Coaches Julie
33 McKinney and Brooke Fagan have not only superbly coached and
34 inspired the Lady Hawks but also broadened the team's knowledge of
35 the game and refined their skills in execution; and

36 WHEREAS, in their tireless dedication, the Lady Hawks have
37 developed a winning, cooperative spirit and a high degree of
38 sportsmanship, and their activities and attitudes reflect great
39 credit upon the individual players and their coaches, bringing
40 honor to Hartfield Academy; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of Mississippi
43 student-athletes, especially those such as the Hartfield Academy
44 Softball Team, whose excellence on the field and in the classroom



45 bring honor to their school, their community and to the State of
46 Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend and congratulate the Hartfield Academy Softball Team and
50 Head Coach Todd Aultman upon winning the Mississippi Association
51 of Independent Schools Softball State Championship and extend best
52 wishes to the team and coaches for continued success in all their
53 future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Head Coach Todd Aultman on behalf of the team, and to
56 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

