

By: Representatives Clarke, Middleton, West, To: Rules
Banks, Blackmon, Bowles, Bozeman, Broomfield,
Cameron, Chaney, Clark, Coleman (65th),
Dickson, Ellington, Ellis, Flaggs, Fleming,
Gibbs, Howell, Hudson, Ishee, Ketchings,
Martinson, Morris, Nettles, Perkins, Read,
Reeves, Roberson, Robertson, Robinson (84th),
Robinson (63rd), Scott (17th), Simmons, Smith
(59th), Smith (27th), Stevens, Thomas, Vince,
Walker, Wallace, Wells-Smith, Young

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ALCORN STATE
2 UNIVERSITY BRAVES BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SEASON AND
3 FOR WINNING A BID TO THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Alcorn State University Braves Basketball Team
5 finished the 1998-1999 basketball season with an outstanding
6 record of 23 wins and only 6 losses; and

7 WHEREAS, for the first time in 15 years, the Braves, seeded
8 15 in the West bracket, were given a bid to play in the NCAA
9 Basketball Tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, the Alcorn State University Braves played against
11 their toughest opponent, the number two seeded Stanford
12 University, on March 11, 1999, in Seattle, Washington; and

13 WHEREAS, after falling behind by 15 points early in the game,
14 the Braves rallied and tied the game on two different occasions
15 late in the second half before falling to the Stanford Cardinals
16 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, the Braves have been superbly coached and inspired
18 by the legendary Coach Davey Whitney, known as the "Wiz," who has
19 broadened the players knowledge of the game and refined their
20 skills in execution; and

21 WHEREAS, having coached for 23 years at Alcorn State
22 University, Coach Whitney has led the Braves to victories in three
23 of its first four NCAA Tournament appearances in 1980, 1983 and
24 1984; and

25 WHEREAS, upon their arrival back home, the Braves and Coach
26 Whitney were greeted with a county patrol 50-car escort from

27 Highway 61 to the Alcorn State University campus, where over 200
28 people gathered for a special ceremony in recognition of their
29 remarkable performance against Stanford; and

30 WHEREAS, the Braves have developed a winning and cooperative
31 spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities
32 and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual players and
33 their coaches and bring honor to Alcorn State University; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
35 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young
36 people of our state, who are its future:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate the Alcorn State
40 University Braves Basketball Team and Head Coach Davey Whitney for
41 their phenomenal 1998-1999 season, for winning a bid to the NCAA
42 Basketball Tournament and for displaying tireless devotion to
43 their athletic endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Alcorn State University, Head Coach Davey Whitney and
46 members of the Capitol Press Corps.