

By: Representatives Gadd, Moody

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING COACH VAN CHANCELLOR FOR
2 HIS MANY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AS A HEAD COACH IN BASKETBALL.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Van Chancellor, a native of Louisville,
4 Mississippi, has been coaching basketball for over thirty years on
5 the high school, college and professional levels; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor played basketball at Louisville
7 High School, where as a senior he averaged 24 points per game and
8 later played for Coach Denver Brackeen's team at East Central
9 Junior College; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1965, Coach Chancellor earned a bachelor's degree
11 in math and physical education from Mississippi State University,
12 and in 1974, he received a master's degree in education from the
13 University of Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor began his coaching career with
15 stops at Noxapater, Horn Lake and Harrison Central High Schools,
16 winning two state championships and two grand slams, compiling a
17 remarkable 638-191 record at the high school level; and

18 WHEREAS, moving up to the college arena in 1978, Coach
19 Chancellor was named Head Coach of the Ole Miss Lady Rebels
20 Basketball Team and led the program to national prominence over a
21 19-year career, including 14 NCAA tournament appearances,
22 finishing the 1991-1992 season with a perfect SEC record of 11-0
23 and winning the SEC regular season championship; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor, who won the SEC Coach of the Year
25 honor three times, posted a phenomenal career record of 439 wins
26 and only 154 losses, making his Lady Rebels the winningest program

27 in Ole Miss history; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1997, Coach Chancellor was named Head Coach and
29 General Manager of the Houston Comets and led the Comets to the
30 WNBA World Championship in the inaugural season; and

31 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor repeated the 1998 season with a
32 victory in the WNBA World Championship and was named WNBA Coach of
33 the Year in 1997 and 1998; and

34 WHEREAS, Van Chancellor has been a loyal friend to everyone
35 and also a caring and supportive coach and friend to his players;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor has had the steadfast love and
38 understanding of his faithful wife, Betty, who continues to
39 support him as his number one fan and contribute to his success;
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41 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor has been lovingly supported in all
42 his endeavors by his children, John, a 1989 Ole Miss graduate, and
43 Renee, a 1992 Ole Miss graduate and former Lady Rebel; and

44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
45 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Van "The Man"
46 Chancellor, whose long and distinguished career continues to
47 follow the path of success:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
50 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Head Coach Van
51 Chancellor for his many achievements as a head basketball coach
52 and extend to him our heartiest wishes of success in all his
53 future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Coach Van Chancellor and members of the Capitol Press
56 Corps.