

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Carlton, Huggins,
Simmons, Furniss, Canon, Walls, Jordan
(24th), Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
2 FOOTBALL COACH TODD KNIGHT FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL CAREER AND TO
3 EXPRESS THE BEST WISHES OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS NEW COACHING
4 POSITION AT OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

5 WHEREAS, Delta State University football coach Todd Knight
6 has told his team that he is resigning to accept the same position
7 at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas; and

8 WHEREAS, Knight said, "The reason they want me is that Delta
9 State is a winner...We have a great group of kids and coaches and
10 I told our players they can win a championship under any coach";
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Knight, 34, served the past six seasons at Delta
13 State, posting an 8-3 record in 1998, and he had a 28-32-2 overall
14 mark; and

15 WHEREAS, he also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant
16 under former DSU and Ouachita head coach, Jim "Red" Parker, and
17 two seasons as an assistant under former DSU coach Don Skelton;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Baytown, Texas, Knight earned his
20 bachelor's degree from OBU in 1986. He is married to the former
21 Julie Hartsfield of Searcy, Arkansas, and they are the parents of
22 three children; and

23 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this coach
24 for his contribution to higher education in Mississippi and for
25 the respect he has brought to his university's football program:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, THAT

28 we do hereby commend Delta State University football coach Todd
29 Knight for his exceptional career and do hereby express the best
30 wishes of the Legislature on his new coaching position at Ouachita
31 Baptist University.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT copies of this resolution be
33 presented to Coach Knight and forwarded to Delta State University
34 and be made available to members of the Capitol Press Corps.