

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

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 593

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 1998 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS FIRST GULF SOUTH  
3 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND ITS FIRST NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCE  
4 FOLLOWING AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, in his sixth season as the Head Coach of the Delta  
6 State University football squad, Coach Todd Knight led the  
7 Statesmen to its first Gulf South Conference with an 8-1 record in  
8 Gulf South Conference play; and

9 WHEREAS, the Statesmen, who narrowly dropped a 17-10 contest  
10 to Division I-AA Southwest Texas State, finished the season with  
11 an outstanding 8-3 mark; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to the Statesmen's first league  
13 championship, Delta State also made its first NCAA playoff  
14 appearance with a 21-14 loss to Fort Valley State; and

15 WHEREAS, this NCAA event brought national attention to Delta  
16 State University, the City of Cleveland and the State of  
17 Mississippi, and was broadcast locally by WABG in Greenville,  
18 Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, for his efforts, Coach Knight was named the Gulf  
20 South Conference "Coach of the Year" by his peers in the  
21 conference and had 11 of his players placed on either the first or  
22 second team All-Gulf South Conference squads; and

23 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the success  
24 of this excellent football team which has brought honor to its  
25 university, city and to the State of Mississippi:

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

28 do hereby commend and congratulate the 1998 Delta State University  
29 football team and Coach Todd Knight for its first ever Gulf South  
30 Conference Championship and its first ever NCAA playoff appearance  
31 following its outstanding season.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
33 presented to the 1998 Delta State University football squad, the  
34 President of Delta State University and be made available to the  
35 Capitol Press Corps.