

By: Senator(s) Mettetal

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FORMER OLE MISS BASKETBALL COACH VAN  
2 CHANCELLOR, THE FIRST AND ONLY COACH OF THE HOUSTON COMETS,  
3 FOLLOWING TWO CONSECUTIVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE WOMEN'S  
4 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA).

5 WHEREAS, Coach Van Chancellor has established himself among  
6 the nation's basketball coaching elite following two consecutive  
7 World Championships with the Women's National Basketball  
8 Association (WNBA) as the first and only coach of the Houston  
9 Comets; and

10 WHEREAS, under 19 seasons of Chancellor's guidance, the Lady  
11 Rebel basketball program was the winningest program in school  
12 history and was the ninth all-time winningest women's basketball  
13 program in the nation, posting a final record of 439-154 following  
14 the 1996-1997 season which by percentage was 74%; and

15 WHEREAS, a Louisville, Mississippi, native, Chancellor took  
16 the Head Coach position at Ole Miss in 1978 at the age of 34, and  
17 lead the women's basketball program to recognition among the best  
18 in the nation and the Southeastern Conference; and

19 WHEREAS, the Chancellor resume at Ole Miss includes 14 NCAA  
20 appearances, 4 NCAA Elite 8 appearances and 5 NCAA Sweet 16  
21 appearances, and 1 SEC Regular Season Title; and

22 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we welcome back to  
23 Mississippi this coach whose accomplishments in professional  
24 sports continue to bring honor to himself, his former schools and  
25 his native State of Mississippi:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
27 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize former Ole Miss

28 Basketball Coach Van Chancellor, following his two consecutive  
29 World Championships with the Women's National Basketball  
30 Association (WNBA) Houston Comets, and wish him continued success  
31 in his professional career.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
33 presented to Coach Van Chancellor and be made available to the  
34 Capitol Press Corps.