

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 MISSISSIPPI MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 1998-1999  
3 SEASON.

4 WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi Men's Basketball Team  
5 recently completed an incredibly successful 1998-1999 season with  
6 an impressive 20 wins and 13 losses, and 8 wins in the  
7 Southeastern Conference; and

8 WHEREAS, the 1998-1999 season was the third consecutive  
9 20-win season for the Ole Miss Rebels, marking the first time ever  
10 in Rebel basketball history that the program had posted 20 or more  
11 wins in three straight years; and

12 WHEREAS, 1999 marked the third straight year that Ole Miss  
13 participated in the NCAA Tournament, the first time ever that the  
14 Rebels have played in three consecutive NCAA Tournaments; and

15 WHEREAS, the 1999 senior class set the record for most  
16 victories during a four-year-period in Rebel basketball history  
17 with 74 wins from 1995-1996 to 1998-1999; and

18 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss Rebels won its first-ever NCAA  
19 Tournament game, defeating Villanova, 72-70, in the first round;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Ole Miss Head Coach Rod Barnes became the first-ever  
22 head coach in Rebel basketball history to record 20 victories in  
23 his first season at the helm of the Ole Miss program; and

24 WHEREAS, Head Coach Rod Barnes was the only first-year head  
25 coach in this year's NCAA Tournament to win a game in the  
26 tournament, and the only first-year head coach in the Southeastern

27 Conference this year to win a post-season tournament game; and  
28       WHEREAS, senior team member Keith Carter was named to the  
29 Coaches and Associated Press All-SEC First Team, the National  
30 Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-District VI First  
31 Team, and received an Associated Press All-America Honorable  
32 Mention; and

33       WHEREAS, while each of the University of Mississippi's  
34 players made invaluable contributions to the success of the  
35 1998-1999 season, the senior members on the team -- Keith Carter,  
36 Jason Smith, Michael White and Hunter Carpenter -- deserve special  
37 recognition; and

38       WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this fine  
39 group of student athletes whose school has a longstanding  
40 tradition of championship tournament performance, and who continue  
41 to bring honor to their school, their community and to the State  
42 of Mississippi:

43       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
45 University of Mississippi Men's Basketball Team for their  
46 outstanding 1998-1999 season, and wish them continued success in  
47 their athletic, academic and career endeavors.

48       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 presented to Coach Barnes and made available to the Capitol Press  
50 Corps.