

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.