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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JACKSON
2 STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL COACH ROBERT "BOB" BRADY FOR HIS 800TH
3 CAREER VICTORY, MAKING HIM THE WINNINGEST COACH IN SOUTHWESTERN
4 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Braddy entered his 28th season as
6 Jackson State University's head baseball coach just three wins shy
7 of 800 career victories, and the 800th career win came during the
8 3rd game of the season, February 13, 2000, against the University
9 of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, with a score of 9-2; and

10 WHEREAS, to date, Coach Braddy's total career record for the
11 2000 season is 805 wins, 539 losses and 8 ties, making him the
12 winningest coach in Southwestern Athletic conference history; and

13 WHEREAS, a 1964 graduate of JSU, Braddy has won more SWAC
14 championships than any other coach in league history, Braddy's
15 Tigers have won 11 league titles; and

16 WHEREAS, Braddy was named Interim Athletics Director at JSU
17 in May of 1999, he is one of the most widely respected baseball
18 coaches in the country, serving on several national committees and
19 voting panels; and

20 WHEREAS, Braddy's first conference title came in 1973, his
21 first season as Tiger head coach; his team won back-to-back titles
22 in 1977 and 1978, and again in 1989 and 1990; he also won three
23 consecutive titles from 1993-1995; the other league championships
24 came in 1980, 1982 and 1986; he has taken the Tigers to the NCAA
25 playoffs three times (1982, 1986 and 1989) and also two NCAA
26 play-in games (1994 and 1995); and

27 WHEREAS, Braddy reached a milestone in his career in 1988

28 when he won his 500th career victory on April 17, with a win over
29 Alabama State; he reached another personal milestone on March 9,
30 1996, when he won his 700th career game over Mississippi Valley
31 State; and

32 WHEREAS, three of Braddy's teams also reached the NAIA
33 Regionals, twice to Huntsville, Texas (1975 and 1977) and to
34 Phoenix, Arizona, in 1976; since his first season, 52 of his
35 players have reached the professional ranks: some of them include
36 pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, formerly of the Boston Red Sox,
37 outfielder Curtis Ford, formerly of the Philadelphia Phillies,
38 pitcher Marvin Freeman, formerly of the Colorado Rockies, Wes
39 Chamberlain, formerly of the Boston Red Sox, outfielder David
40 Clark, currently with the Chicago Cubs, pitcher Mike Farmer of the
41 Colorado Rockies and first baseman Kelvin Moore, formerly of the
42 Oakland Athletics, he has produced two first-round draft picks in
43 outfielder David Clark (1983) and pitcher/outfielder Earl Sanders,
44 formerly of the Toronto Blue Jays (1986); and

45 WHEREAS, Braddy was named NAIA District 30 Coach of the Year
46 twice and has been named SWAC Coach of the Year eight times; the
47 two-time All-SWAC pitcher as a player at Jackson State is also a
48 member of the JSU Sports Hall of Fame; and

49 WHEREAS, before joining the Jackson State athletics staff,
50 Braddy coached at McLaurin High in Florence, Mississippi, where
51 his teams compiled a 64-14 record and won the Highland Conference
52 Championship four of the six years he coached; he was named
53 conference Coach of the Year in 1966, 1967 and 1980; he spent one
54 year as Florence High's coach, compiling an 11-9 record; and

55 WHEREAS, he is married to the former Diane West and they have
56 two children, Robert, Jr. and Artimese Anita; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
58 extraordinary achievements of this legendary coach who has brought
59 honor to his university and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

61 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
62 we do hereby commend and congratulate Jackson State University
63 Baseball Coach Robert "Bob" Braddy for his 800th career victory,
64 making him the winningest coach in Southwestern Athletic
65 Conference history, and wish him continued success in his future
66 coaching career and other endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
68 presented to Coach Braddy and his family, and to the President of
69 Jackson State University, and be made available to the Capitol
70 Press Corps.