

By: Representatives Davis, Frierson, Lott,  
Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH  
2 M.K. TURK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS HEAD COACH FOR THE  
3 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, Coach M.K. Turk began his career at The University  
5 of Southern Mississippi during the 1976-1977 season and remained  
6 the head coach through the 1995-1996 season; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Turk won his first game at Southern  
8 Mississippi on December 1, 1976, against Southern Benedictine by a  
9 score of 83-82; and

10 WHEREAS, as head coach of the Eagles, Coach Turk compiled an  
11 outstanding 301-266 career record and a remarkable 189-71 record  
12 at home in Green Coliseum; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Turk is the all-time winningest men's  
14 basketball coach at The University of Southern Mississippi as well  
15 as among men's basketball coaches at Ole Miss and Mississippi  
16 State; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Turk led the Eagles to six NIT appearances, a  
18 1987 NIT Championship, two NCAA Tournament appearances, 1991 Metro  
19 Conference regular season championship, three appearances in the  
20 Metro Conference finals; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Turk has coached seven first team All-Metro  
22 Conference selections and four players selected to the NBA draft,  
23 including two first round picks; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Turk earned his 100th game win on February 19,  
25 1983, against Cincinnati, his 200th game win on January 15, 1990,  
26 against Arkansas State, his 300th game win on February 24, 1996,  
27 against South Florida; and

28           WHEREAS, Coach Turk received many awards and honors  
29 throughout his long and distinguished career at The University of  
30 Southern Mississippi including the 1986 NIT Coach of the Year and  
31 the 1985-1986 Metro Conference Coach of the Year; and

32           WHEREAS, for twenty seasons of basketball, the Eagles have  
33 been superbly coached and inspired by Head Coach Turk, who has  
34 broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their  
35 skills in execution; and

36           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
37 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by coaches such  
38 as Coach M.K. Turk, who has dedicated his career to guiding and  
39 leading so many young men:

40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
42 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Head Coach  
43 M.K. Turk for his outstanding career as coach of The University of  
44 Southern Mississippi Eagles Basketball Team and extend heartiest  
45 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

46           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to Head Coach M.K. Turk, The University of Southern  
48 Mississippi and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.