

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.