SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIS WRIGHT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER COACHING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

WHEREAS, Willis Wright is the coach of the North Delta High School Green Wave football squad; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright came out of retirement in 1999 to turn around a dissatisfied Green Wave football team, and not only did he turn them around, but led them to the state championship in November 2000; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright has compiled an impressive record during his career of 227 wins, 66 losses and 5 ties; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Willis Wright garnered many awards and honors, such as Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee (1998); Mississippi Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year (1993); Birmingham Touchdown Club 5A Coach of the Year (1987); and Jackson Daily News Coach of the Year (1984); and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright was selected to coach in five All-Star games and has served as a clinic speaker at various coaching clinics; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright has led his various teams to many state championships, including North Delta High School - 3A State Championship (2000); South Panola High School - 5A State Championship (1993); Greenville, Alabama, High School - 5A State Championship (1987); and Starkville High School - 5A State Championship (1984); and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright is held in high regard by his coaching peers; and
WHEREAS, Coach Wright is married to the former Teresa Phelps from Batesville, Mississippi, and has one son, Jack, who is a graduate student at Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wright's commitment to excellence and dedication to students have earned him the respect and admiration of students, faculty and parents in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the noteworthy accomplishments of Mississippians:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Willis Wright for his exemplary career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Willis Wright and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.