

By: Senator(s) White (5th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 526

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST BOYS BASKETBALL COACH SAM RICHEY
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECORD-SETTING 868TH VICTORY.

4 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, Baldwyn High School
5 Boys Basketball Coach Sam Richey became Mississippi's all-time
6 winningest hoops coach by winning his 868th high school boys
7 basketball game; and

8 WHEREAS, Senior guard Nick Armstrong scored 24 points as
9 Baldwyn blew a 13-point lead before beating Bruce 68-60 as an
10 estimated 500 enthusiastic fans saw history unfold before their
11 very eyes; and

12 WHEREAS, RICHEY, who has won six state titles during a
13 35-year career, has an 868-360 overall record at Jumpertown,
14 Wheeler and Baldwyn, winning nearly 71 percent of the time; and

15 WHEREAS, a 63-year-old Wheeler native and Mississippi State
16 graduate who has been involved in basketball since 1966, Richey
17 surpassed Roland Ladner, who won 867 games in 33 seasons at
18 Sellers, Harrison Central, Hancock and Pearl River Central; and

19 WHEREAS, Sam Richey hasn't won 868 high school boys
20 basketball games without countless nail-biting, down-to-wire
21 finishes; and

22 WHEREAS, "I'm real happy to get that over with," Richey said
23 amid congratulations from wife Dale, sons Clark and Clay and other
24 Baldwyn fans who made the 65-mile trip from Prentiss County. "We
25 can relax now and go on with our season. The record was on my
26 mind a little bit tonight. The kids hung in there, made some
27 clutch plays and pulled it out for me"; and



28 WHEREAS, Dale Richey has seen her husband make 17 Boys State
29 Tournament appearances, and Clark Richey, in his second year of
30 broadcasting Baldwin football and basketball games, called the
31 action on Booneville radio station WBIP: "I've never been accused
32 of being impartial, but neither is Jack Cristil or the Ole Miss
33 announcers," he said. "I was proud to be able to broadcast this
34 historic game"; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
36 record-setting achievement from this legendary coach, whose
37 character and strength have served as an example to the many young
38 men and future Mississippi citizens he has led over the past 35
39 years:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commend and congratulate Baldwin High School Boys and
43 Mississippi's All-time Winningest Basketball Coach Sam Richey upon
44 the occasion of his record-setting 868th victory, and wish him and
45 his family continued success in their athletic and future
46 endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
48 Coach Richey and his family, be forwarded to the Principal of
49 Baldwin High School, the members of the 2002 Boys Basketball Team,
50 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

