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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 STATE UNIVERSITY BULLDOG BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SEC
3 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR SETTING A SCHOOL RECORD FOR SEASON
4 VICTORIES.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University Mens Basketball
6 Team won the SEC Tournament Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs set a new all-time single-season school
8 standard with 27 wins during the 2001-2002 campaign, breaking the
9 previous mark of 26 victories set by MSU's 1995-1996 Final Four
10 Team; and

11 WHEREAS, MSU's 27 wins and 77.1 winning percentage tied with
12 SEC Champion Alabama for the best marks among all Southeastern
13 Conference teams this season; and

14 WHEREAS, MSU earned its eighth postseason tournament
15 appearance since 1990 with this year's second-round showing in the
16 NCAA Tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, Mississippi State has now advanced beyond the first
18 round of the NCAA Tournament during each of the team's last three
19 tournament appearances; and

20 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs established new single-season school
21 standards for most points scored (2,582), most rebounds (1,359),
22 most assists (566) and most steals (294); and

23 WHEREAS, after claiming the school's second SEC Tournament
24 Championship with wins over nationally ranked Florida and Alabama,
25 as well as LSU, the Bulldogs earned their highest seeding ever
26 (No. 3 seed in the Midwest Regional bracket) in NCAA Tournament
27 play; and



28 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs led the Southeastern Conference in team
29 field-goal percentage (48.0%) and rebounding margin (+6.5 rpg),
30 while ranking second among the league leaders in assists (16.2
31 apg) and three-point field-goal percentage defense (30.1%); and

32 WHEREAS, Mississippi State matched the current all-time
33 school standard by opening the 2001-2002 season with 11
34 consecutive victories, equaling the school's all-time record of 11
35 straight wins to open a basketball season previously set by the
36 1957-1958 MSU squad; and

37 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were led by Coach Rick Stansbury, who
38 became the second Bulldog basketball coach in school history to
39 take more than one State team to postseason tournament play; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
41 Mississippi to commend the noteworthy accomplishments of the
42 student athletes of this state:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the Mississippi State
45 University Men's Basketball Team for winning the SEC Tournament
46 Championship and for setting a school record for single season
47 victories.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to the MSU Bulldog Basketball Team and Coach Rick
50 Stansbury.

