

By: Representatives Davis, Fillingane, Lott, Watson To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. KAY JAMES
2 AND CONGRATULATING HER ON INDUCTION INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF
3 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI LEGENDS CLUB.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Kay James, retired and famed University of
5 Southern Mississippi's (USM) all-time winningest head coach, with
6 a record of 403-224, will be inducted into the university's
7 Legends Club on January 24, 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, ranking in the top twenty-five of all-time Division
9 I coaches in victories, seasons coached and games coached, Ms.
10 James is one of forty-six coaches with 400-plus victories in
11 National College Athletic Association Division I history; and

12 WHEREAS, during her reign as head coach of the Lady Eagles,
13 Ms. James led USM to ten post-season appearances, captured four
14 conference tournament titles, three regular-season titles, coached
15 sixteen All-Conference performers, four Conference of the Year
16 selections, and one Kodak All-American; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. James led the 1993-94 team of Lady Eagles to an
18 impressive 26-5 record, a second conference title, and earned a
19 Top 20 ranking in the 16th position, the highest ranking ever; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. James, a four-time Conference Coach of the Year
21 honoree, coached with the United States Basketball team with the
22 U.S. Olympic Festival in 1989, and again in 1992, for the Women's
23 Select Team that won the gold medal in the R. William Jones Cup in
24 Taipei, Taiwan; and

25 WHEREAS, with twenty-seven years of coaching experience,
26 twenty-two of which were spent at USM, Ms. James coached with the
27 1995 USA Basketball World University Games women's team that won a



28 silver medal, and again in 1996, with Rene Portland of Penn State
29 and the USA Women's Junior World Championship silver medal team;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
32 the State of Mississippi, to recognize and commend excellence,
33 especially when exhibited by such outstanding Mississippians as
34 Ms. James, whose contribution to the University of Southern
35 Mississippi has brought great pride to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend and congratulate Ms. Kay James on her accomplishment and
39 recent induction into the University of Southern Mississippi
40 Legends Club.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Ms. Kay James, the University of Southern Mississippi
43 Athletic Media Relations Center and members of the Capitol Press
44 Corps.

