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Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON STATE  
2 UNIVERSITY "LADY TIGERS" BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH DENISE  
3 TAYLOR FOR WINNING THE SWAC CO-CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 2002-2003  
4 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson State University "Lady Tigers"  
6 Basketball Team has finished the 2002-2003 season with a 23-6  
7 overall record and 15-3 conference record, and has been named  
8 Southwestern Athletic Conference Co-Champions for the 2002-2003  
9 season; and

10 WHEREAS, JSU Lady Tigers 2002-2003 highlights include the  
11 following: ranked first in the conference in scoring offense  
12 (68.4 ppg), scoring defense (55.0 ppg), scoring margin (+13.4),  
13 field goal defense (.322), rebounding offense (43.4 pg), blocked  
14 shots (8.34 pg), assists (16.41 pg) and defensive rebounds (28.72  
15 pg); led the nation in blocked shots; No. 2 in the nation in field  
16 goal percentage defense, ranked ninth in the NCAA in scoring  
17 defense; Junior Center Amie Williams led the nation and the league  
18 in blocked shots, averaging 5.1 blocks a game, she was also ranked  
19 ninth in the nation and first in the conference in rebounding  
20 (11.0 pg); Junior Point Guard Latesha Lee was ranked third in the  
21 nation and first in the conference in assists (7.38 pg), she was  
22 also second in the league in steals (3.41 pg); Senior Forward  
23 Genina "GG" Johnson was ranked second in the NCAA and first in  
24 SWAC in three-point field goals made (3.31 pg); Amie Williams was  
25 named SWAC Player of the Week three times this season; Senior  
26 Guard Sonia "Elise" Washington became a member of the Lady Tigers  
27 1,000-point club on January 25, 2003; Amie Williams received first  
28 team All-SWAC honors and was named Newcomer of the Year and



29 Defensive Player of the Year; Latesha Lee received first team  
30 All-SWAC honors and Genina Johnson and Sonia Washington were named  
31 second team All-SWAC; Coach Denise Taylor's career record is  
32 113-82 and her JSU record stands at 39-19; and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Denise Taylor, affectionately called "Coach T"  
34 by her players, is former Head Coach of the Utah Starzz of the  
35 WNBA, is completing her second season as Lady Tigers Head Coach  
36 and is the Lady Tigers third Head Coach since 1975. A native of  
37 Cleveland, Mississippi, and a graduate of Texas Southern  
38 University, she has made her mark in the conference by turning the  
39 program around in one year. Coach Taylor is a motivational,  
40 dynamic, hard-working, focused coach whose career spans 16 years.  
41 She was one of eight coaches selected to launch the inaugural  
42 season of the WNBA in 1997. She serves as a color analyst of the  
43 Tiger Network, covering men's basketball games and SWAC  
44 tournaments, and is in demand as a speaker at civic events; and

45 WHEREAS, the 2002-2003 Lady Tigers Roster is as follows:  
46 Caypande Eliasin, Junior Forward; April Harris, Junior Forward;  
47 Genina Johnson, Senior Forward; Latesha Lee, Junior Guard;  
48 Shickola Ricks, Junior Center; Aisha Scott, Freshman Guard; Sonia  
49 Washington, Senior Guard; Amie Williams, Junior Center; and  
50 Theresa Woodard, Sophomore Guard; Assistant Coaches are Larry  
51 McNeil, Gloria Miller and Freddie Murray; and

52 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
53 accomplishments of this team of fine student-athletes who have  
54 brought honor to their university, their community and to the  
55 State of Mississippi:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
58 Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team and Coach  
59 Denise Taylor for winning the SWAC Co-Championship for the  
60 2002-2003 season, and wish them continued success in their future  
61 athletic and academic endeavors.



62           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
63 Coach Taylor and the Lady Tigers, be forwarded to the Board of  
64 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and be made  
65 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

