

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF COACH ROBERT L. ERVES,
2 JR., FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO
3 THE VICKSBURG WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON
4 HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Coach Robert L. Erves, Jr., will retire as an
6 employee of the Vicksburg Warren School District at the end of the
7 2003-2004 academic year, after more than 28 years of committed and
8 diligent services; and

9 WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Warren Central High School, Coach
10 Erves, in furtherance of his educational goals, entered
11 Mississippi Valley State University in 1972, where he earned a
12 bachelor of science degree in industrial arts in 1976 and his
13 master of science degree in industrial arts from Jackson State
14 University in 1986, in addition to completing certificate programs
15 at Alcorn State University and State of Mississippi Training; and

16 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mississippi Valley State
17 University, Coach Erves was offered the opportunity to become a
18 free agent with the Dallas Cowboys football organization, but
19 after careful consideration, decided to return home and accept a
20 job coaching; and

21 WHEREAS, at the commencement of his teaching career in 1976,
22 Coach Erves began as an instructor of industrial arts and
23 assistant eighth-grade football coach, but very quickly broadened
24 his curriculum to include teaching Tech Prep and Technology
25 Discovery, as well as rising in rank in the coaching arena; and

26 WHEREAS, while serving as an eighth-grade head coach, Coach
27 Erves went undefeated, and his total coaching career boasts an
28 impressive record of 235 wins and 87 losses; and

29 WHEREAS, believing in a system of fairness and impartiality,
30 Coach Erves has received many honors and recognitions, including
31 recognition by the Vicksburg Warren School Board for cosponsoring
32 SECME and winning a national competition in 1993, recognition by
33 the Mississippi State Department of Vocational Education as the
34 technology instructor directing the oldest chapter of Technology
35 Students Association in the State of Mississippi in 2000, and was
36 honored by Vicksburg Homecoming and Benevolent as a Community STAR
37 for making a positive difference in education in 2003; and

38 WHEREAS, he has dedicated his life to helping others, serving
39 as a volunteer helper with the Salvation Army, YMCA, DARE, GREAT
40 and a mentor to Children at Risk; and

41 WHEREAS, a devoted husband, Coach Erves is married to Dr.
42 I.V. Woodson Erves, and together they have two children, Tamonjia
43 Renee' and Roderick Aaron; and

44 WHEREAS, Coach Erves has gone above and beyond the call of
45 duty in his efforts of assuring that his students and athletes are
46 equipped with the necessary education and life skills to make them
47 successful and prosperous citizens; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
49 recognize and commend excellence of such outstanding educators as
50 Coach Erves, who has dedicated so many years of his life to
51 developing and cultivating the minds and bodies of the many young
52 Mississippians with whom he has come in contact during his
53 illustrious career:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 commend and congratulate Coach Robert L. Erves, Jr., upon his
57 retirement after 28 years of dedicated and exemplary service to
58 the Vicksburg Warren School District, and we extend to him our
59 heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to Coach Erves and to the members of the Capitol Press
62 Corps.