

By: Representatives Bentz, Janus, Patterson To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH JOHN PHILLIP  
2 PUGH FOR HIS CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS COACH OF THE BILOXI HIGH  
3 SCHOOL INDIANS BASKETBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, Coach John Phillip Pugh, a 1973 graduate of Biloxi  
5 High School, has compiled an impressive career record of 243 wins  
6 and 73 losses since beginning his coaching career at Biloxi High  
7 School in 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, after being hired in 1985 as assistant coach, Coach  
9 Pugh enjoyed the success of the Indians 1989 and 1990 basketball  
10 teams, which won two consecutive state championships; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1995, Coach Pugh acquired the position as Head  
12 Coach of the Indians Basketball Team, and has since claimed seven  
13 district titles, one south state title (2000) and two additional  
14 state championships in 2001 and 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Pugh's most recent victory came after he  
16 intuitively coached the 2003-2004 team for the Biloxi High School  
17 Indians to a 70-60 victory over the Hattiesburg High School Tigers  
18 for the Class 5A State Championship; and

19 WHEREAS, in the course of his almost 20-year career of  
20 coaching at Biloxi High School, Coach Pugh's impressive record has  
21 garnered him much recognition and commendation; and

22 WHEREAS, for his successes Coach Pugh has been honored with  
23 several awards, including being named Mississippi Coach of the  
24 Year by *The Clarion-Ledger* and *The Sun Herald* Coach of the Year;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Pugh's pursuit of excellence has motivated the  
27 Biloxi Indians to play harder and inspired them to win in order to

28 reach their goal, but even more so to strive for the team's  
29 ultimate goal, which is the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship; and

30 WHEREAS, through his 20 years of coaching and conditioning,  
31 Coach Pugh has superbly coached and inspired all of his teams'  
32 players, and has broadened their knowledge of the game and refined  
33 their skills in execution; and

34 WHEREAS, Coach Pugh's exhibition of superior coaching  
35 technique has proven successful as evidenced by the great  
36 accomplishments he has achieved in his career; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
38 recognize and commend excellence in the accomplishments of such an  
39 outstanding Mississippian and coach as Coach John Phillip Pugh,  
40 whose rise to the top will always be remembered:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
43 commend and congratulate the accomplishments of Coach John Phillip  
44 Pugh as Coach of the Biloxi High School Indians Basketball Team.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to Coach John Phillip Pugh, Biloxi High School and to  
47 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.