

By: Senator(s) Lee (35th), Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 603

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF LONGTIME
2 MENDENHALL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND COACH, JAMES CRAIN, ON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Principal and former Coach James Crain has announced
5 his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to Mendenhall
6 High School; and

7 WHEREAS, his coaching accomplishments at Mendenhall High
8 School are legendary:

9 Basketball Little Dixie Coach of the Year 1982

10 Overall Basketball Record: 586 wins and 192 losses

11 State Championship: 1982 and 2000

12 State Runner-Up: 1983, 1989 and 1995

13 State Semifinals: 1988, 1990 and 1993; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Crain was named Teacher of the Year in 1986
15 and Simpson County Administrator of the Year in 2001; during his
16 tenure he taught the following subjects at Mendenhall High School:

17 Biology, General Science, Physical Education, Football, Softball
18 and Tennis; after serving as Head Boys' Basketball Coach, he was
19 appointed as Assistant Principal, Principal and Extracurricular
20 Sponsor for Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

21 WHEREAS, his athletic accomplishments and educational
22 background is as follows: at Puckett High School he was Most
23 Athletic; All-CAC Conference Football and Basketball; All-District
24 Basketball and Baseball; All-South State Basketball; All-State
25 Basketball; Dewey Tullos Sportsmanship Award; Track State Champion
26 in low hurdles and pole vault 2 years; member of Track State
27 Championship Team 1971. At Hinds Community College from 1973 to

28 1975 he played football, basketball and ran track, was an honor
29 student, received science, health and physical education awards
30 and was a member of BSU Council; and

31 WHEREAS, Coach Crain graduated from Puckett High School in
32 1973 where he was Valedictorian of his class, graduated from Hinds
33 Community College in 1975 with honors, received his Bachelors of
34 Science Degree in Education from the University of Southern
35 Mississippi in 1977, with honors, received his Masters in Science
36 Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1984 and
37 his Administration Certification from Mississippi College, with
38 honors, in 1993; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Crain is active in the Mendenhall First Baptist
40 Church where he serves as a Deacon and Teacher of the Adult I
41 Couples Sunday School Class, and he and his wife, Kathy, have two
42 children, Curt, a teacher and coach, and Carey, a student at
43 Mississippi College; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the
45 accomplishments and service of this exceptional educator and
46 coach, who has served as a role model for many, many students and
47 citizens in his school, his community and in the State of
48 Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend the career of longtime Mendenhall High School
52 Principal, Teacher and Coach James Crain on the occasion of his
53 retirement after 27 years of dedicated service in the field of
54 education, and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
55 Legislature on their future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Mr. James Crain and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.