

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

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF LONGTIME MENDENHALL  
2 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND COACH, JAMES CRAIN, ON THE OCCASION OF  
3 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, That we do hereby commend the career of longtime  
51 Mendenhall High School Principal, Teacher and Coach James Crain on  
52 the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service  
53 in the field of education, and extend to him and his family the  
54 best wishes of the Senate on their future endeavors.

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