

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

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

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

8 WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Warren Central High School, Coach
9 Erves, in furtherance of his educational goals, entered
10 Mississippi Valley State University in 1972, where he earned a
11 Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts in 1976 and his
12 Master of Science degree in Industrial Arts from Jackson State
13 University in 1986, in addition to completing certificate programs
14 at Alcorn State University and State of Mississippi Training; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
48 this outstanding educator who has dedicated so many years of his
49 life to developing and cultivating the minds and bodies of the
50 many young Mississippians with whom he has come in contact during
51 his illustrious career:

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

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