

By: Representatives Smith
(27th), Dickson, Myers, Perkins,
Robinson (63rd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DEVILETTES SOFTBALL TEAM UPON ITS
3 OUTSTANDING 2003-2004 SEASON AND WINNING THE 2004 SOUTHWESTERN
4 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University Devilettes
6 Softball Team had an outstanding year, finishing the 2003-2004
7 season with a remarkable record of 34 wins and 16 losses; and

8 WHEREAS, showcasing immense talent, the Devilettes have
9 brought great honor and pride to Mississippi Valley State
10 University by winning the 2004 Southwestern Athletic Conference
11 (SWAC) Division I Championship and the 2004 SWAC Tournament
12 Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, this season's accomplishments for the Devilettes
14 garnered them much recognition after having become the
15 institution's first SWAC sport and the first Historically Black
16 Colleges/University (HBCU) sport to win more than one game in a
17 NCAA Tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, for their superior play, many individual honors have
19 been bestowed on several members of the Devilettes, including the
20 selection of Queydreka Shumpert, Balencia Young and Valerie
21 Nicholson to the All-SWAC First Team; the naming of Queydreka
22 Shumpert as Defensive Player of the Year; the selection of Nicole
23 Henderson, Deanna Baker, Teanne Rembert, Cristal Holmes, Tamara
24 Phillips, Nakelya Moragne, and Tonya Johns to the All-SWAC Second
25 Team; the naming of Balencia Young as Most Outstanding Hitter,
26 Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player; the
27 selection of Balencia Young, Cristal Holmes, Queydreka Shumpert
28 and Natasha McFadden to the SWAC All-Tournament Team; and

29 WHEREAS, the Devilettes have been superbly coached and
30 inspired this season by Head Coach Lee Smith, who has broadened
31 the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in
32 execution; and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Smith has brought additional honor and pride
34 to himself and to Mississippi Valley State University upon being
35 named Coach of the Year; and

36 WHEREAS, the Devilettes have developed a winning and
37 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their
38 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual
39 players and their coach, and bring honor to Mississippi Valley
40 State University; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the
43 youth of our state who are its future:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend and congratulate the Mississippi Valley State University
47 Devilettes Softball Team and their coach for their outstanding
48 2003-2004 season, for winning the 2004 SWAC Division I
49 Championship and the 2004 SWAC Tournament Championship and for
50 displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Mississippi Valley State University, Head Coach Lee
53 Smith and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.