

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON STATE
2 UNIVERSITY "LADY TIGERS" BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACH DENISE TAYLOR
3 FOR BACK-TO-BACK SWAC CO-CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 WHEREAS, two must be Jackson State University Lady Tigers'
5 number. After compiling a 23-7 overall and a 15-3 conference
6 record, Head Coach Denise Taylor has a second winning season at
7 JSU to add to her coaching accomplishments. The last time the
8 Lady Tigers had two back-to-back 20-plus win seasons was in the
9 early 1980s; and

10 WHEREAS, the team also was named SWAC Co-Champions and Coach
11 Taylor received SWAC Co-Coach of the Year honors, two feats for
12 the program that were achieved for the second straight year. The
13 Lady Tigers entered this year's campaign with a team who had not
14 played 40 minutes of ball together. They had to depend on a quick
15 point guard to head up the backcourt and an intimidating shot
16 blocker to dominate the frontcourt; and

17 WHEREAS, Latesha Lee and Amie Williams, the only two
18 well-seasoned players returning, provided the Lady Tigers with
19 much-needed experience. To complete its power team, JSU also had
20 to depend on the talents of guards Shante Stanford and Dasieka
21 Hawthorne and forward Shelita Burns; and

22 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers, considered the premiere team in
23 SWAC this season, led all conference schools in scoring defense
24 (53.7 pg), scoring margin (+5.2), field goal percentage defense
25 (.339), rebounding offense (43.3 pg), rebounding margin (+7.1),
26 blocked shots (5.6 pg), assists (15.4 pg), assist/turnover ratio
27 (.94) and defensive rebounding (28.2 pg); and

28 WHEREAS, the team roster is as follows:

29	NUMBER	PLAYER	POSITION
30	01	Latoya Anderson	Forward
31	03	Shianeka Freeman	Guard
32	12	Latesha Lee	Guard
33	13	Janaina Pantalaeo	Forward
34	14	Porshia Ferguson	Guard
35	21	Caypande Eliasin	Forward
36	23	Dasieka Hawthorne	Guard
37	24	Shante Stanford	Forward/Guard
38	25	Aisha Scott	Guard
39	32	Shelita Burns	Guard
40	33	Amie Williams	Center
41	35	Lindsey Dukes	Forward
42	42	Aliah Calbert	Guard
43	51	Dawn Brown	Forward
44	54	Octavia Gadson	Forward/Center; and

45 WHEREAS, Lee and Williams received post-season honors by
46 being named to the 2004 All-SWAC Team. Lee was a second-team
47 selection and Williams made the first-team and was named SWAC
48 Defensive Player of the Year. Williams was also featured in the
49 2004 issue of *SLAM* magazine, a national basketball publication;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, this past spring, the Lady Tigers received a call
52 from the WNIT selection committee that they were one of 16 teams
53 selected to play in the pre-season showcase. JSU was the second
54 historically black university invited to participate in the
55 tournament. Grambling State University was the first HBCU and
56 team from SWAC to represent in the preseason WNIT; and

57 WHEREAS, two might be a magic number for the Lady Tigers this
58 season, but three could be even more magical. The team will be
59 looking to three-peat as conference champions with a veteran squad
60 of three top returnees; and

61 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
62 accomplishments of this talented group of student athletes who
63 have brought honor to their university, their community and to the
64 State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the

67 Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team and Coach
68 Denise Taylor for earning back-to-back Southwestern Athletic
69 Conference Co-Championships, and for their outstanding 2004
70 season, and extend to them the best wishes of the Senate on their
71 future athletic and academic endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 Coach Denise Taylor and be made available to the President of
74 Jackson State University and the Capitol Press Corps.