

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON STATE
2 UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM AND COACH EDDIE PAYTON FOR WINNING THE
3 2004 SWAC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 16TH CONSECUTIVE TIME.

4 WHEREAS, for most people, the sport of golf is nothing more
5 than a leisure item for the weekend or the annual vacation.

6 However at Jackson State, the sport of golf has become tradition
7 and even more, a mainstay within the athletic department; and

8 WHEREAS, this season, the Jackson State University men's golf
9 team did what everyone thought they would do, win the 2004
10 Southwestern Athletic Conference Golf Championship for the 16th
11 consecutive time and advanced to their sixth NCAA Regional; and

12 WHEREAS, the Tigers, who have a total of 17 SWAC titles under
13 their belts, won the 2004 title with all five golfers finishing in
14 the top 15; and

15 WHEREAS, in all, the Jackson State golf program has yielded
16 24 championships and a host of student-athletes who have become
17 successful on the links and in the classroom. Several of the
18 program's participants find enjoyment in receiving good marks
19 academically as well as on the court. On the men's team, Harold
20 Villere and Fidelis Malembeka lead the charge. Villere, a junior
21 accounting major from Louisiana, holds a 3.63 GPA while teammate
22 Malembeka, a business administration major, entered the semester
23 with a grade point average of 3.53; and

24 WHEREAS, Head Golf Coach Eddie Payton said their goal is to
25 win the national championship or be a contender. He feels that if
26 they work towards that goal, that being successful in the SWAC
27 will be a stepping stone toward that end. In that they hope to

28 serve as good representatives for the university and good role
29 models for student-athletes today; and

30 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the
31 accomplishments of this group of student-athletes who have brought
32 honor to their university, their community and to the State of
33 Mississippi:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
36 Jackson State University Men's Golf Team and Head Coach Eddie
37 Payton and Assistant Head Coach Aaron Jagers for winning the 2004
38 Southwestern Athletic Conference Golf Championship for the 16th
39 Consecutive Year and extend to them the best wishes of the Senate
40 for success in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
42 Head Coach Eddie Payton and be made available to JSU President
43 Ronald Mason, Jr., and the Capitol Press Corps.