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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DETROIT PISTONS
2 AND FORMER JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL STAR LINDSEY
3 HUNTER, JR., FOR WINNING HIS SECOND NBA TITLE.

4 WHEREAS, for NBA guard and former Jackson State University
5 standout player Lindsey Benson Hunter, Jr., spending extra time in
6 the gym with his Detroit Piston teammates resulted in his second
7 NBA championship title, as the Pistons easily beat the Los Angeles
8 Lakers for the 2004 NBA Title, winning 4 out of 5 games in the
9 Finals; and

10 WHEREAS, Hunter, now an 11-year veteran of the National
11 Basketball Association, won his second NBA championship ring, this
12 time seeing the franchise who gave him his first ring on the
13 opposite sideline; and

14 WHEREAS, Hunter concluded his brilliant collegiate career by
15 establishing several JSU records and garnering numerous award and
16 honors. The honorable mention All-American led the SWAC in
17 scoring averaging 26.7 points per game during his senior season.
18 His 907 points scored is still a school season record. He
19 concluded the season being named MVP of both the regular season
20 and the post-season conference tournament. His 48 points against
21 the University of Kansas in the Aloha Classic is a single-game
22 school record. He received the John McClendon Award for being
23 named the Black College Player of the Year in 1993. Hunter scored
24 2,226 points (second on the JSU all-time scoring list) during his
25 three-year career as a Tiger; and

26 WHEREAS, he scored 30 or more points six times in 1992 with a
27 42-point effort against Southern in an opening round SWAC

28 Tournament game. During his sophomore year, he was named the Most
29 Valuable Player of the Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament
30 in Houston, Texas. That season he average 20.9 points, 3.3
31 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game; and

32 WHEREAS, in the NBA, Hunter has a career average of 10.1
33 points, 2.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.35 steals per game. He
34 has played for four teams, including the world champion L.A.
35 Lakers during the 2001-2002 season. He had a career high of 35
36 points against New Jersey in November of 1997. He also handed out
37 15 assists against the Nets in March of 1994. He broke into the
38 starting lineup during his rookie season of 1993 and has started
39 more than 50% of his games in the professional league. He was
40 named to the 1993-1994 NBA All-Rookie Second Team after averaging
41 10.3 ppg and 4.8 apg in 82 games and participated in the Schick
42 Rookie Game during the 1994 NBA All-Star Weekend in Minneapolis,
43 posting 11 points and 5 assists; and

44 WHEREAS, in 2002-2003, Lindsey averaged 9.7 points, 2.0
45 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 23.2 minutes in a career-low 29 games;
46 missed 53 games due to injury; missed last 38 games (January 26 -
47 April 16) with a sore back; returned to action vs. Orlando on
48 1/19, scoring 7 points in a bench-high 28 minutes after missing 3
49 games (January 14 - 17) due to a sore right hamstring; recorded a
50 season-high 7 assists vs. Cleveland (1/3); led bench with 14
51 points at L.A. Lakers (12/29); led team in bench scoring with 14
52 points at Chicago (12/18); produced 18 points off the bench,
53 including a triple with 1.5 seconds left to send the game into
54 overtime and scored 7 points in the extra frame at Milwaukee
55 (12/17); netted a team-high 22 points off the bench vs. Washington
56 (12/15); scored a game-high tying 21 points in 22 minutes off the
57 bench vs. Seattle (12/13); missed 11 games (November 18 -
58 December 8) due to a sore right knee and recorded a season-high 7
59 rebounds upon his return at Cleveland (12/11); netted a
60 season-high 23 points vs. Chicago (11/4), including the

61 game-winning field goal with 1.6 seconds remaining in overtime;
62 and

63 WHEREAS, Lindsey Benson Hunter, Jr. and his wife Ivy have two
64 children. He lists former Pistons' Captain Isiah Thomas as one of
65 his heroes growing up. An Elementary Education major at Jackson
66 State, he aspires to eventually teach school in Mississippi and he
67 is on the Board of Directors of Daybreak Homeless Shelter in
68 Jackson, Mississippi; and

69 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
70 accomplishments of this former JSU standout who has brought honor
71 to his university and to the State of Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
73 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Detroit
74 Pistons and former Jackson State University Basketball star
75 Lindsey Hunter, Jr., for winning his second NBA title, and extend
76 to him and his family the best wishes of the Senate in his future
77 professional basketball endeavors.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
79 Lindsey Hunter and JSU President Ronald Mason, and be made
80 available to the Capitol Press Corps.