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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF BOB CARPENTER, "VOICE OF  
 2 THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY TIGERS."

3 WHEREAS, students, alumni and faculty of Jackson State  
 4 University are mourning the untimely and tragic death of  
 5 play-by-play man Edgar Maurice (Bob) Carpenter on June 12, 2004.  
 6 Mr. Carpenter was the voice of the Jackson State University Tigers  
 7 for 23 years. He was 46 years old; and

8 WHEREAS, Jackson State University fans had come to know Bob  
 9 Carpenter when they turned on their radios every Saturday  
 10 afternoon during Tiger football season and on any given day during  
 11 Tiger basketball season. For the past 23 years, the man with the  
 12 great sports voice has brought JSU fans and supporters closer to  
 13 the action on the gridiron and on the hardwood. Ever since his  
 14 first JSU football broadcast in 1981, he had become synonymous  
 15 with the Tiger athletic program; and

16 WHEREAS, for every title or championship Jackson State won  
 17 and every milestone reached in the last two decades, he was there.  
 18 Bob was there when the Tiger football team won 7 conference  
 19 championships and when they made 9 appearances in the NCAA  
 20 Division I-AA playoffs. His broadcast year was extended in  
 21 basketball when the Tigers made 3 trips to the "Big Dance," and he  
 22 was present when the team won 4 regular season conference  
 23 championships; and

24           WHEREAS, Bob was not only JSU's play-by-play man, he was a  
25 friend and one of the University's most ardent supporters. When  
26 Bob was not on the radio, he worked behind the scenes developing  
27 marketing ventures for the athletics department. He was Manager  
28 of the Southern Urban Network at TeleSouth Communications.  
29 Because of his influence and efforts, the JSU Football Souvenir  
30 Program has garnered the reputation of the best produced  
31 publication in the Southwestern Athletic Conference; and

32           WHEREAS, in 2002, Bob helped JSU advance its radio broadcast  
33 by assisting the University in launching its Internet broadcast on  
34 Yahoo Sports. Bob also helped to foster relationships with  
35 several radio stations throughout Mississippi. Today, The Tiger  
36 Radio Network consists of several affiliates throughout the  
37 Magnolia State that broadcast all of Jackson State's football and  
38 basketball games; and

39           WHEREAS, because of his vast knowledge of Jackson State and  
40 its athletics program, most fans assumed that Bob was an alumnus  
41 of the University, however, he was a 1979 graduate of the  
42 University of Mississippi. Mr. Carpenter was truly devoted to  
43 ensuring that Jackson State University was globally marketed, and  
44 the 2004-2005 JSU athletic season will be dedicated in honor of  
45 the untiring efforts and philanthropy of this citizen who will be  
46 missed by all Mississippians:

47           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Mr. Bob  
49 Carpenter, the "Voice of the Jackson State University Tigers" and  
50 express to his surviving family the sympathy of the Mississippi  
51 Senate on his untimely passing.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
53 presented to the family of Mr. Bob Carpenter and be made available  
54 to the Capitol Press Corps.