

By: Representatives Perkins,  
Smith (27th), Robinson (63rd),  
Thomas, Whittington, Huddleston,  
Clark, Dickson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED AND  
2 DEDICATED CAREER AND SERVICE OF COACH LAFAYETTE STRIBLING UPON HIS  
3 RETIREMENT FROM MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY.

4 WHEREAS, Lafayette Stribling, Mississippi Valley State  
5 University's (MVSU) men's basketball coach, announced his  
6 retirement plans on Monday, May 23, 2005, after 23 years at the  
7 institution; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Stribling, at 70 years of age, is not hanging  
9 up his whistle as he becomes Tougaloo College men's basketball  
10 coach, beginning his new job on July 1, the day after his Valley  
11 contract expires; and

12 WHEREAS, in 22 seasons at MVSU, Stribling won a school-record  
13 315 games and led the Delta Devils to four Southwestern Athletic  
14 Conference (SWAC) regular-season championships, three SWAC  
15 Tournament championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Stribling secured his place in Valley and SWAC  
18 lore by winning games with up-tempo basketball, becoming just as  
19 well-known for the wide array of tailored suits, and establishing  
20 himself as an institution at the university; and

21 WHEREAS, an alumnus of Mississippi Industrial College and  
22 Mississippi State University, with additional certification  
23 received at MVSU, Coach Stribling coached high school basketball  
24 for a total of 26 years at Harmony High School, Murphy High School  
25 and South Leake High School, before commencing his career with  
26 MVSU; and

27           WHEREAS, lauded for his athletic and coaching success, Coach  
28 Stribling was inducted into the Mississippi Industrial College  
29 Hall of Fame in 1976, presented the Leake County Association of  
30 Educators Award in the field of Sports in 1980, the NAACP  
31 Outstanding Achievement Awards in Sports for Leake County in 1980,  
32 became the first African American to become head boys basketball  
33 coach for Mississippi High School North All-Star Team and past  
34 member of the District IV and Mississippi High School Activities  
35 Association Executive Committee; and

36           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
37 and commend the outstanding career of Coach Lafayette Stribling,  
38 whose passion for coaching has made him legendary among his  
39 colleagues and high school and collegiate sports programs  
40 throughout the state and nation:

41           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
43 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
44 distinguished and dedicated career of Coach Lafayette Stribling  
45 and express our heartiest wishes for success in all his future  
46 endeavors.

47           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
48 furnished to Coach Stribling, Mississippi Valley State University  
49 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.