

By: Senator(s) Brown, Turner

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 4, 2005, AS "COACH JOHN  
2 DICKERSON DAY" IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, AND COMMENDING HIM FOR  
3 HIS HISTORIC COACHING CAREER.

4 WHEREAS, John W. Dickerson, Jr., was born in Columbus,  
5 Mississippi, on March 9, 1928, to the late Osie M. Jones Dickerson  
6 and John W. Dickerson, Sr., growing up there as a member of St.  
7 James United Methodist Church. He attended Union Elementary  
8 School, and after graduating from Union Academy High School, he  
9 attended Clark College and Jackson State University, later earning  
10 a B.S. Degree at Mississippi Industrial College. He is married to  
11 Emmittian Williams Dickerson and they have three daughters,  
12 Lupino, Octavia and Dawn; two granddaughters, Kirsten and Latina;  
13 John's godsons, Reverend David Henderson and Charles Pickett, Jr.;  
14 and "Luckie" and "Duckie," the family dogs; and

15 WHEREAS, even as a very small child, there could be no doubt  
16 of his love of sports, particularly football, as he could always  
17 be found in any place allowing him running space and a space to  
18 huddle. Later, though not old enough, he convinced the coach to  
19 allow him on the football team, thus the beginning of a lifelong  
20 love for "the game" and sports; and

21 WHEREAS, to list just a few of Coach Dickerson's  
22 achievements: at Union Academy he lettered three years in  
23 football, earned three letters in baseball, lettered in baseball  
24 and football at Clark and Jackson State, lettered in baseball and  
25 football, attended Mississippi Industrial College, where he was a  
26 player and coach lettering in baseball and football; and

27           WHEREAS, John became Head Football and Baseball Coach at Hunt  
28 High School, led his teams to 27 victories with 2 defeats and 1  
29 tie in football, his baseball teams won 2 out of 3 Little Six  
30 Conference Championships, then he moved to Amory and became Head  
31 Coach for five years, producing a 22-game winning streak, giving  
32 West Amory 3 out of 5 championships. He also accumulated a great  
33 baseball record. From there his talent and hard work took him to  
34 Mississippi Valley College as Assistant Coach, Head Baseball Coach  
35 and driving instructor for three years; he served as Assistant  
36 Coach at Lee High School, Columbus, Mississippi, in 1970 and was  
37 undefeated. After retiring, he went into private business and has  
38 been very successful; and

39           WHEREAS, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, June 4,  
40 2005, has been proclaimed as "Coach John Dickerson Day" in  
41 Columbus in appreciation for all he has given to his own community  
42 as well as the other places he served and the many lives of the  
43 young people he touched; and

44           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
45 individual who has taught integrity to his players through sports,  
46 and brought honor to his community and to the State of  
47 Mississippi:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize June 4, 2005, as "Coach  
50 John Dickerson Day" in Columbus, Mississippi, and commend this  
51 legendary coach whose outstanding career is a matter of record,  
52 and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the Senate on  
53 this occasion.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
55 Coach John Dickerson and the Mayor of Columbus, Mississippi, and  
56 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.