

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COACH JOE B. BRADSHAW AND CONGRATULATING HIM
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Joe B. Bradshaw, the "winningest coach in the
5 State of Mississippi," who began his coaching career in 1960 and
6 has spanned more than 45 years, has announced his retirement; and

7 WHEREAS, born May 21, 1936, the son of a veterinarian and a
8 nurse, Coach Bradshaw graduated from Macon High School in 1954,
9 served in the United States Army from 1955-1957, and returned home
10 to attend Mississippi State University, where he received his
11 bachelor of science degree in 1961, and his master of education
12 degree from Delta State University in 1977; and

13 WHEREAS, after having coached in the public school system for
14 a number of years, Coach Bradshaw joined Strider Academy in 1972,
15 where he has continued for the past 33 years; and

16 WHEREAS, during the course of those 33 years, in addition to
17 serving as Headmaster, Coach Bradshaw has served in the capacities
18 of teacher, head baseball coach, head football coach, head Lady
19 Rams basketball coach and track coach; and

20 WHEREAS, inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches
21 Hall of Fame in July 1994 and the Mississippi Private School
22 Coaches Association Hall of Fame in August 2005, he has proven his
23 leadership off the fields as well as on, as evidenced by his
24 having served as past president and member of the MPSA Academy
25 Activities Commission, Chairman of the Affairs Committee, the
26 National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Board of

27 Directors of Mississippi Coaches Association and the Executive
28 Committee of the MPSA; and

29 WHEREAS, a noted speaker among others talents, Coach Bradshaw
30 has been keynote speaker at coaches clinics at Mississippi State
31 University, Memphis State, Florida State, Vanderbilt and Northwest
32 Community College, and has on five occasions addressed the
33 Athletic Journal Coaches Clinic; and

34 WHEREAS, among his accomplishments as a coach, Coach Bradshaw
35 has won five State A football championships, nine "Coach of the
36 Year" titles, coached and assisted the MPSA All-Star teams for 12
37 years from 1972-1984, won six North Central A titles, five
38 District 2A championships, one runner-up title for MPSA Overall
39 Lady Basketball Championship and tied six times for the North
40 Central A title; and

41 WHEREAS, having inspired many youth through the engagement of
42 sports and extracurricular activities, Coach Bradshaw, has
43 conveyed the importance of success through one of his famous
44 sayings, "And over that," which entails a lifetime of experience
45 and accomplishments; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
47 recognize the service and contributions of such an outstanding and
48 giving individual as Coach Bradshaw, whose expertise and
49 dedication has not gone undetected by his students and colleagues:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
52 commend the successful career and accomplishments of Coach Joe B.
53 Bradshaw, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement and
54 extend our heartiest wishes for continued success in all his
55 future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Coach Bradshaw and to the members of the Capitol
58 Press Corps.