

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LLOYD
2 CLARK, WHO COACHED THE DELTA STATE LADY STATESMEN BASKETBALL TEAM
3 TO THREE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
4 MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2006.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled its
6 Class of 2006, which features Lloyd Clark of Drew, Mississippi,
7 who coached the Delta State "Lady Statesmen" Basketball Team to
8 three National Championships; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Clark lettered one year in football at Drew
10 High School before attending Sunflower Junior College in Moorhead
11 and Delta State; and

12 WHEREAS, he began his coaching career at Warren Central High
13 in Vicksburg where he led his prep girls to 245 wins and 42 losses
14 in eight seasons with five state tournament appearances and two
15 overall state runner-up finishes; he was named Little Dixie
16 Conference Coach of the Year five times; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Clark never played high school or college
18 basketball, but led the Lady Statesmen to seventeen 20-win seasons
19 which included five 30-win campaigns; he coached at Delta State
20 for 19 years from 1983 to 2002 and led the women's hoops teams to
21 a record of 494-98; and

22 WHEREAS, after Delta State moved to Division 2, the Lady
23 Statesmen won five straight Gulf South Conference titles and
24 compiled a mark of 70-4 during Clark's first four years as Head
25 Coach; and

26 WHEREAS, he led Delta State to the Division 2 NCAA Women's
27 Basketball Championships in 1989, 1990 and 1991, a total of three
28 National Crowns in four years; he paced Delta State to 16 NCAA

29 Tournament appearances including 11 Elite Eights; he guided the
30 Lady Statesmen to a Gulf South Conference record of 206-38 and the
31 GSC Championship an amazing 12 times; and

32 WHEREAS, Coach Clark was named Gulf South Conference Coach of
33 the Year on five occasions (1986, 1987, 1993, 2001 and 2002).

34 During his career, he became the winningest coach in school and
35 NCAA Division 2 history passing Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame
36 member Margaret Wade; and

37 WHEREAS, under Clark, Delta State became the first school to
38 win a national title on its home floor in NCAA history; and

39 WHEREAS, he coached the Lady Statesmen to a phenomenal home
40 record of 264-22 and was inducted into three separate Delta State
41 Halls of Fame (Hall of Fame in 2002, Alumni Coaches in 2002, and
42 Athletic Hall of Fame); and

43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
44 outstanding coach who has brought honor to his community, his
45 university and to the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend and congratulate Coach Lloyd Clark from Drew,
49 Mississippi, who coached the Delta State "Lady Statesmen"
50 Basketball Team to three National Championships, upon his
51 induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2006,
52 and wish him and his family continued success in all their future
53 endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Coach Clark at induction ceremonies, and be made available to the
56 Capitol Press Corps.