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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 626

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE POSITIVE COACHING  
2 CAREER OF OLE MISS BASKETBALL COACH ROD BARNES.

3 WHEREAS, University of Mississippi Athletics Director Pete  
4 Boone has announced that Ole Miss Boys Basketball Head Coach Rod  
5 Barnes will step down at the end of the 2005-2006 season; and

6 WHEREAS, Barnes has served in his present position for the  
7 last eight years; and

8 WHEREAS, Rod Barnes has been a very positive and important  
9 part of Ole Miss basketball history throughout his playing and  
10 coaching career. He has always represented the University with  
11 the utmost class and integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, during his eight years at the helm of the Rebel  
13 Basketball Program, Barnes has risen to second on the Ole Miss  
14 career list for coaching victories, four behind B.L. "Country"  
15 Graham's school record of 145. The 2001 Naismith and  
16 CollegeInsider.com National Coach of the Year, Barnes has a  
17 141-107 record as Rebel Head Coach and a 50-77 mark in SEC play.  
18 His .569 overall winning percentage is the highest by an Ole Miss  
19 Coach since 1938, and the best of any Rebel mentor of seven-plus  
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2000-2001, Barnes guided Ole Miss to a  
22 school-record 27 wins, the program's first NCAA Tournament Sweet  
23 16 berth and a No. 9 final national ranking. Another winning  
24 season and postseason tournament followed in 2001-2002, both were  
25 the fourth under Barnes; and

26 WHEREAS, a 1988 graduate of Ole Miss, Rod Barnes served as an  
27 Assistant Coach under Rob Evans from 1993-1998 before being named

28 Head Coach of the Rebels on April 9, 1998. Barnes played at Ole  
29 Miss from 1985-1988 and was an honorable mention All-American  
30 selection his Senior season. He is the only person in SEC history  
31 to earn both All-SEC and SEC Coach of the Year honors; and

32 WHEREAS, as a player, Assistant Coach and Head Coach, Barnes  
33 has spent 17 seasons with Ole Miss basketball; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the spirit  
35 and accomplishments of this outstanding Coach who is a role model  
36 for many young athletes and who has brought honor to his  
37 university, community and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
40 we do hereby commend the positive coaching career of Ole Miss Boys  
41 Basketball Head Coach Rod Barnes, who is second on the Ole Miss  
42 career list for coaching victories, thank him for representing the  
43 University and State of Mississippi with class and integrity, and  
44 extend to him and his family our best wishes for his future  
45 successes.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
47 Coach Rod Barnes, be forwarded to Chancellor Robert Khayat, and be  
48 made available to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
49 Higher Learning and the Capitol Press Corps.