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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF  
2 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ATTAINING THE DESIGNATION AS A TOP  
3 DOCTORAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson State University is among Mississippi's top  
5 four doctorate-granting universities in the same "high research  
6 activity" category, according to a new data and classification  
7 system introduced by the Carnegie Foundation recently and released  
8 Friday, March 3, 2006, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; and

9 WHEREAS, among factors used in creating the categories were  
10 the conferral of at least 20 doctorates in 2003-2004; research and  
11 development expenditures in science and engineering fields;  
12 expenditures in nonscience and engineering fields; science and  
13 engineering staff; and doctoral conferrals in humanities fields,  
14 social science fields, science, technology, engineering and  
15 mathematics; and

16 WHEREAS, "Jackson State has the momentum, and our efforts are  
17 focused in the right direction," said JSU President, Ronald Mason,  
18 Jr. "I believe the new classification reflects the hard work and  
19 diligence of our dedicated graduate faculty, staff and students";  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the new rating places Jackson State University, the  
22 University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the  
23 University of Southern Mississippi in the same category. Jackson  
24 State University and Howard University also are in the same  
25 category, leading historically black universities in research  
26 activity; and

27           WHEREAS, this is very significant for Jackson State  
28 University, and particularly its graduate division. The  
29 university has been gaining ground consistently, but the change in  
30 category levels the playing field somewhat in terms of where the  
31 university is ranked; and

32           WHEREAS, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of  
33 Teaching changed its classifications to include three  
34 subcategories of doctorate-granting institutions instead of two.  
35 The three groups were determined using a complex plotting exercise  
36 where each institution's research activity was compared from a  
37 common reference point; and

38           WHEREAS, Jackson State University described previously as  
39 "doctoral intensive," now is under the classification of "Research  
40 Universities (high research activity)" as are the state's other  
41 flagship universities, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and the  
42 University of Southern Mississippi; and

43           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
44 progress in the instructional and research capabilities of  
45 Mississippi's urban university which is bringing positive  
46 recognition to our state:

47           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the outstanding achievement  
49 of Jackson State University for attaining the new designation as a  
50 top doctoral research university, and we extend the best wishes of  
51 the Mississippi Senate to the university for its future successes.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to  
53 Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., the Board of Trustees of State Institutions  
54 of Higher Learning and be made available to the Capitol Press  
55 Corps.