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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.