

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Clarke

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DELTA STATE
2 UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL COACH STEVE RIVES FOR BEING NAMED NATIONAL
3 "COACH OF THE YEAR".

4 WHEREAS, the Delta State University "Statesmen" Boys
5 Basketball Team led by Coach Steve Rives earned the right to host
6 the Division II South Region Men's Basketball Tournament in
7 Cleveland, Mississippi, after winning the Gulf South Conference
8 Tournament Final on Sunday, March 5, 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Rives helped the "Statesmen" craft one of
10 their best seasons ever, and for this effort he was named
11 *Basketball Times* Coach of the Year; and

12 WHEREAS, Rives guided the Statesmen to their best record in
13 school history, posting an impressive 30-2 mark. The Statesmen
14 were ranked No. 1 in the nation at one point in the season and
15 were ranked No. 1 in the South Region, which allowed them to host
16 the South Regional Tournament earlier this month. At one point
17 during the season, the Statesmen put together a 26-game winning
18 streak. Rives was also named Gulf South Conference West Division
19 Coach of the Year this season; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Steve Rives claimed his 400th career win in
21 the tournament final and captured his 5th Gulf South Conference SC
22 West Coach of the Year Award after the Statesmen claimed a perfect
23 16-0 record in Gulf South Conference play; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Rives, who finished his 21st season as a Head
25 Coach and 20th at Delta State University has posted an overall
26 career record of 401-200. Rives' record with Delta State is

27 386-188. The Statesmen have gone to the NCAA Division II
28 Tournament 9 times in Rives' tenure; and

29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
30 magical season by a group of student athletes and their veteran
31 coach, who have brought honor to their university, their community
32 and to the State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Delta
35 State University Basketball Coach Steve Rives for leading the
36 Statesmen to their best season and for being named National "Coach
37 of the Year" by *Basketball Times*, and extend to him and his family
38 the best wishes of the Senate in his future successes.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Coach Rives and the President of Delta State University and be
41 forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
42 Learning, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.