

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. TROY ARLIS RICKS UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO  
3 THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2007, retired Hinds Community College  
5 Head Basketball Coach Troy Arlis Ricks, will be inducted into the  
6 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame at the age of 87, becoming the  
7 oldest newcomer to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, born January 26, 1920, in Wheeler, Mississippi, Mr.  
9 Ricks, upon graduating from Wheeler High School attended Sunflower  
10 Junior College (Mississippi Delta Community College); Delta State  
11 University, where he earned his bachelor's degree; University of  
12 Southern Mississippi, where he earned his master's degree; and  
13 Mississippi College, where he obtained a master's in guidance; and

14 WHEREAS, before assuming the position of head basketball  
15 coach at Hinds Junior College in 1951, a position he held until  
16 1970, Mr. Ricks coached at Saltillo High School in 1947 and  
17 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College from 1947 until 1949 when he became  
18 principal of Raymond High School; and

19 WHEREAS, during his coaching career at Hinds Junior College,  
20 he compiled a record of 323-148, and an overall coaching record of  
21 441-156, a 73% overall winning record, reflecting several state  
22 and regional titles; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to basketball, Mr. Ricks also coached  
24 the college baseball team for a year, in 1957, and won the State  
25 Junior College Baseball Championship with a 9-1 record, and for  
26 his remarkable service, was presented the Distinguished Service  
27 Award from the Mississippi Association of Coaches; and

28           WHEREAS, Mr. Ricks played professional basketball with Kansas  
29 City's Union Wire Rope Team, which won the league title before he  
30 was drafted into the United States Army to serve during World War  
31 II, serving with the Anti Tank Company 128th Infantry with  
32 campaigns in Luzon, New Guinea, and the Southern Philippines and  
33 received several commendations for his valiant and selfless  
34 service; and

35           WHEREAS, after hanging up his coach's whistle, Mr. Ricks  
36 served Hinds Junior College as the college's Director of Veteran  
37 Affairs until his retirement in 1983; and

38           WHEREAS, the honors and commendations received by Mr. Ricks  
39 consist of the following: inductions into the Delta State  
40 University Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002, Mississippi Delta  
41 Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, Copiah-Lincoln Community College  
42 Sports Hall of Fame in 1994, Hinds Community College Sports Hall  
43 of Fame in 1992 and Delta State University in 1973, and having a  
44 scholarship established in his name at Hinds Community College in  
45 1999; and

46           WHEREAS, throughout his career and endeavors, Mr. Ricks has  
47 enjoyed the support of love and encouragement from his family:  
48 wife, Maude Enis Ricks; and children, Ricky Mallory, Troy Ricks,  
49 Jr., and William Ricks; and

50           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
51 and honor such outstanding and accomplished individuals as Mr.  
52 Ricks, whose distinguished career as a winning coach and educator  
53 has brought great success and pride to himself and the educational  
54 institutions he has been privileged to serve:

55           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
57 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Troy Arlis  
58 Ricks upon his career and accomplishments, for being inducted into  
59 the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and express our warmest wishes

60 for continued health, prosperity and success in all of his future  
61 endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to Mr. Ricks and to the members of the Capitol Press  
64 Corps.