

By: Representatives Gregory, Bounds,  
Nicholson, Robinson (84th), Smith (27th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN  
2 SERVICE OF MS. LUCILLE WOOD TO EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Lucille Wood, a 1949 graduate of Louisville High  
4 School, a 1951 graduate of East Central Junior College, and a 1953  
5 and 1955 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi,  
6 earning bachelor and master degrees in health, physical education  
7 and recreation, respectively, has been an invaluable asset to East  
8 Central Community College (ECCC), where her leadership, dedicated  
9 service and commitment to education continue to prove her worth;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Wood began her employment at Copiah-Lincoln  
12 Community College in Wesson, in 1953, as physical education  
13 instructor and coach of the girls' high school basketball team,  
14 then a part of the junior college, and coached the junior college  
15 women's and men's tennis teams during her tenure in 1953 and 1954;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, her employment at ECCC in Decatur, Mississippi,  
18 began in 1956, where she taught classes and coached various "Club  
19 Teams" from 1957 to 1975, capturing state titles in basketball in  
20 1970 and 1973; and

21 WHEREAS, instrumental in reinstating women's basketball on  
22 the community and junior college level in 1974, Ms. Wood led  
23 efforts to establish scholarships for team members and helped  
24 establish the Title IX ruling in the colleges of Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, Ms. Wood served as coach of the Warriorette  
26 basketball team from 1974-1985, leading her team to state  
27 championships in 1976 and 1979 and several division titles; and

28           WHEREAS, the first President of the Women's Basketball  
29 Association in Mississippi in 1975, Ms. Wood was one of the first  
30 coaches of a Mississippi Junior College Women's All-Star  
31 Basketball Team, was selected in 1978-1979 as Mississippi  
32 Association of Coaches Junior College Women's Basketball Coach of  
33 the Year and was named to the Top 20 National Junior College  
34 Coaches of the Year; and

35           WHEREAS, Ms. Wood, who also coached ECCC volleyball and  
36 tennis teams and led the volleyball team to the 1970 state title  
37 and had five members of her tennis teams capture state titles,  
38 retired from coaching in 1986 but continued her involvement in  
39 athletics in various capacities, including serving as National  
40 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Director of Athletics  
41 for Region 23 and in 1990 was one of only three recipients of the  
42 NJCAA Service Award, the only Mississippian to receive such an  
43 honor; and

44           WHEREAS, for her service in athletics at ECCC, Ms. Wood was  
45 honored by being chosen the second inductee into the College's  
46 Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 and again in 1988 when the Physical  
47 Education Building at ECCC was named in her honor and the honor of  
48 General Denver Brackeen; and

49           WHEREAS, Ms. Wood has been honored for excellence as a  
50 physical education and education instructor on numerous occasions  
51 at ECCC, including being named ECCC Alumnus of the Year in 1965,  
52 her selection to Who's Who of Women in Education in 1984, HEADWAE  
53 Instructor of the Year in 1990, Academic Instructor of the Year in  
54 1993, Red Rose Award recipient presented by Xi Chapter of Delta  
55 Kappa Gamma for Excellence in Education; and Humanities Council  
56 Teacher of the Year in 2003; and

57           WHEREAS, she has held various positions of leadership at  
58 ECCC, including Alumni Association President in 1963 and 1964, and  
59 Faculty Club President in 1967 and 1985; was chosen to speak at  
60 the College's 75th Anniversary convocation in 2003; and serves as

61 Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education  
62 and sponsor of the Student Education Association; and

63 WHEREAS, other honors received by Ms. Wood include: "Power  
64 of One Award" at the Mississippi Women's Conference in 2003,  
65 recognition in 2004 as an "Ageless Hero" state award winner in the  
66 Love of Learning category by BlueCross-BlueShield of Mississippi  
67 and induction into the National Junior College Athletic  
68 Association Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004; and

69 WHEREAS, a charter member of the 2007 Mississippi  
70 Community/Junior College Sports Hall of Fame, Ms. Wood is  
71 completing her 53rd year as a faculty member in the Mississippi  
72 Community and Junior College system in 2006-2007 and is currently  
73 recognized as the longest tenured faculty member; and

74 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
75 recognize and commend excellence in our state educators of Ms.  
76 Wood's caliber, who have gone above the requisite call of duty to  
77 instill and cultivate the extent of knowledge our state's youth  
78 and young adults need to become vital and productive members of  
79 society:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
82 express our appreciation to Ms. Lucille Wood for her excellent  
83 leadership and dedication to athletics, academics and other  
84 endeavors throughout her outstanding career as an instructor and  
85 coach in the Mississippi Community and Junior College system.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
87 furnished to Ms. Lucille Wood and to the members of the Capitol  
88 Press Corps.