To: Rules

By: Representatives Smith (27th), Perkins, Bailey, Broomfield, Clark, Coleman (29th), Coleman (65th), Dickson, Ellis, Gardner, Robinson (63rd), Thomas, Whittington

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI 1 2 VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DELTA DEVILS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH JAMES GREEN FOR WINNING THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC 3 4 CONFERENCE (SWAC) REGULAR SEASON TITLE AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2006-2007 RECORD. 5 6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University Delta Devils Men's Basketball Team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference 7 regular season title after defeating the University of 8 9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff 63-50, ending the season with a 13-5 SWAC record and an 18-16 overall mark; and 10 WHEREAS, in the conference tournament, Valley beat Alabama 11 12 State 62-52 and Texas Southern University 54-50, but fell to Jackson State University in the championship game; and 13 14 WHEREAS, early in the season, the Delta Devils recorded some big wins, beating Grambling 84-78 and Alabama A&M 65-54; and 15 WHEREAS, the Delta Devils enjoyed a No. 1 seed in the 16 Southwestern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament, but it was 17 18 not enough to overcome an equally hungry Jackson State University team; and 19 WHEREAS, the Delta Devils fell 71-81 to the Tigers Saturday 20 21 evening in the championship game at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic 2.2 Center Arena; and WHEREAS, the team kept its aspirations for a tournament 23 championship alive upon being selected to participate in the 2007 24 25 Postseason Men's National Invitation Tournament, the teams first postseason bid since advancing to the NCAA Tournament in 1996; and 26 WHEREAS, the roster of the 2006-2007 Delta Devils is as 27

28 follows: Ronald Alexander, Sr.; Demarkus Barnes, Junior; Kadrian

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Bryant, Senior; Richard Cannon, Senior, Michael Clark, Sophomore; 29 30 Larry Cox, Junior; Adaiah Curry, Senior; Markkus Davis, Freshmen; Mike Davis, Junior; Carl Lucas, Junior; Wayne Parks II, Junior; 31 Jeremy Pittman, Junior; Jefferey Price, Senior; Darius Simmons, 32 33 Junior; Tychicus Snow, Senior; and Stanford Speech, Junior; and 34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the 35 accomplishments of this group of university student athletes who 36 have brought honor to their university, their community and to the State of Mississippi: 37

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby 39 40 commend and congratulate the Mississippi Valley State University Delta Devils Men's Basketball Team, Head Coach James Green and 41 42 Assistant Coaches Reggie Sharp and Mike Smith for winning the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Regular Season Title and 43 44 for their outstanding 2006-2007 record, and extend best wishes on 45 their future athletic and academic endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 47 forwarded to Coach James Green, Assistant Coaches Reggie Sharp and 48 Mike Smith, the President of Mississippi Valley State University 49 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.