

By: Senator(s) Little, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 602

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CORINTH
2 TENNIS COACH LYNN WOOD UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE 2006
3 MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COACHES HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2006, 41-year veteran Corinth Tennis
5 Coach Lynn Wood and four other coaches were honored at the 34th
6 Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame Induction and
7 Awards Banquet in Jackson, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, since 1972, the Lexington, Tennessee, native has
9 directed the Corinth High School tennis team to 11 State
10 Championships and 26 event titles; and

11 WHEREAS, for coaches and athletic directors a minimum of 25
12 years of service are required by the Mississippi Association of
13 Coaches at a Mississippi Junior High School, Mississippi High
14 School or Mississippi Community/Junior College. In addition,
15 nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the
16 profession and be dedicated to the athletes and to the sport(s) he
17 is coaching; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Wood has played a strong role in tennis
19 outside of Corinth's state titles. He has been a member of the
20 Tennis Committee since its inception, even serving as the Chairman
21 until 2000, helped start the All-Star Game in 1995 and for good
22 measure runs the Juniors portion of the Candy Classic; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Wood earned degrees at Bethel College and
24 Middle Tennessee State University before entering the education
25 field in 1965. He taught and assisted in football and basketball
26 for one year at Southside Jr. High in Jacksonville, Florida,

27 before moving to then-Ramer High School in McNairy County,
28 Tennessee, for a one-year stint in 1966; and

29 WHEREAS, Coach Wood began what would be a 38-year teaching
30 career at Corinth in the fall of 1967. This move would be his
31 last. He taught Biology, Physical Science and then Earth Science
32 until ending a 40-year teaching career on June 30, 2005; and

33 WHEREAS, upon arriving at Corinth, Wood worked with the
34 junior high football program and assisted James A. Horton on the
35 hardwood. He didn't begin to build his Hall of Fame résumé until
36 the spring of 1972 when Horton, who later became the school's
37 winningest coach on the hardwood, stepped aside as tennis coach;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, "Back in those days you had to be really tough,"
40 said Wood. "There was no classification for tennis and all the
41 school's that had a team in the district were thrown together.
42 You had to be really good to get out"; and

43 WHEREAS, the initial trip in 1974 wouldn't be Wood's last.
44 Since then, 1976 is the only year in which Corinth High School
45 wasn't represented by at least one event in the state tournament;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, Corinth began its tennis dominance in 1981. In
48 those 26 seasons, the Warriors and Lady Warriors have claimed 15
49 district/division titles, 11 state titles and 26 event
50 championships. In winning its first championship, Corinth High
51 School also set school records with 17 points and three-event
52 titles. Those marks, although since tied twice, have stood the
53 test of time. Corinth High School claimed seven straight team
54 titles and 14 event championships from 1986-1992; and

55 WHEREAS, in May of 2006, Corinth High School successfully
56 defended its title -- winning for the third time in five years --
57 with a record-tying 17 points and three-event championships; and

58 WHEREAS, a handful of Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall
59 of Famers have ties to Corinth High School, but Wood is believed

60 to be the first one to have logged at least five years as a Head
61 Coach. Wood might have retired from teaching, but he's planning
62 on continuing his other interest -- officiating football, which
63 also began in 1972; and

64 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
65 enthusiasm of this legendary tennis coach who has brought honor to
66 his school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
69 we do hereby commend and congratulate Corinth High School Tennis
70 Coach Lynn Wood upon his induction into the 2006 Mississippi
71 Association of Coaches Hall of Fame and extend to him and his
72 family the best wishes of the Legislature on his future endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
74 Coach Wood and be forwarded to the Principal of Corinth High
75 School and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.