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Arnold, Bell (21st), Boyd, Brown, Campbell,  
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Massengill, Miles, Moore, Powell, Roberson,  
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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MR. SCOTT STRICKLIN  
3 UPON BEING NAMED THE 2015-2016 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE  
4 DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS "ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR".

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Stricklin, a native of Jackson,  
6 Mississippi, and Mississippi State University's Director of  
7 Athletics, will be recognized June 15, 2016, by the National  
8 Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, as a member of  
9 the 2015-2016 Athletic Director of the Year Class; and

10 WHEREAS, in order to be considered for this prestigious  
11 award, each athletic director must have served for at least five  
12 years at their institution, in addition to having demonstrated a  
13 commitment to higher education and to student-athletes, as well as  
14 demonstrating loyalty, excellence, and possessing the ability to  
15 inspire others to high levels of accomplishments; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Stricklin's exceptional leadership has led  
17 Mississippi State Athletics to new heights on and off the field,  
18 while many Mississippi State sports teams have achieved  
19 unprecedented success under his tenure, attendance records have



20 similarly reached unparalleled heights, both football and women's  
21 basketball teams witnessed new attendance records in their 2015  
22 season respectively; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to unparalleled athletic success on and  
24 off the field, Mr. Stricklin has also led Mississippi State  
25 University athletes to success in the classroom with the 2015  
26 Mississippi State student-athletes achieving the highest grade  
27 point average in the school's history; and

28 WHEREAS, promoting a culture of innovative marketing, Mr.  
29 Stricklin has emphasized the importance of social media in  
30 connecting fans with Mississippi State Athletics; he launched the  
31 first emoji keyboard in college sports during the 2015 football  
32 season; and

33 WHEREAS, a result of many years of hard work and dedication  
34 to the students of Mississippi State University, Mr. Stricklin has  
35 always placed the good of the student-athletes at the forefront of  
36 all other considerations, serving as a tremendous leader and an  
37 exceptional example for people of all walks of life; and

38 WHEREAS, evidencing a zealous commitment to uphold the  
39 integrity of each student-athlete equally as much as his desire to  
40 build a winning infrastructure of athletics, Mr. Stricklin's  
41 selection as recipient of this most prestigious honor places him  
42 in the annals of Bulldog history as the first Mississippi State  
43 University Athletic Director to receive the honor and only one of



44 five Southeastern Conference Athletic Directors to be chosen in  
45 the award's 17-year history; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend and  
47 congratulate individuals like Mississippi State University  
48 Athletic Director Scott Stricklin, who has proven to be an  
49 exceptional leader and a valuable asset to the State of  
50 Mississippi, and through many years of hard work, his dedication  
51 to Mississippi State University Athletics has brought great honor  
52 to the State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
55 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi  
56 State University Athletic Director Scott Stricklin upon being  
57 named National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics  
58 2015-2016 Athletic Director of the Year and extend best wishes for  
59 continued success in all of his future endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
61 furnished to Mississippi State Athletic Director Scott Stricklin,  
62 Mississippi State University President Dr. Mark E. Keenum and to  
63 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

