

By: Senator(s) Blackwell, Barnett, Browning, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Massey, Parker, Stone To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 583

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL HEAD COACH JACK  
3 WRIGHT FOR BEING NAMED NJCAA FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION "COACH  
4 OF THE YEAR" FOR 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Northwest Mississippi Community College "Rangers"  
6 Head Football Coach Jack Wright was recognized by the National  
7 Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Football Coaches  
8 Association with the 2015 Spalding® NJCAA Football Coach of the  
9 Year Award; and

10 WHEREAS, in just his second season as a Head Coach, Wright  
11 directed the Rangers to their program's first National  
12 Championship since 1992. Northwest Mississippi defeated a  
13 school-record six ranked opponents en route to an 11-1 record.  
14 The Rangers battled through a rugged schedule in the Mississippi  
15 Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) and came away  
16 with their first Conference Title since 1999; and

17 WHEREAS, fueling Northwest Mississippi's run to the title was  
18 a potent offensive attack under Wright's guidance. The Rangers  
19 averaged 38.7 points per game in 2015, ranking among the top ten



20 in the nation with 480.8 yards per game. In the passing game,  
21 Wright's offense averaged 209.7 yards passing per game with 30  
22 touchdown passes on the year, cracking the top 10 in both  
23 statistical categories. Taking over a team that finished 1-8 the  
24 year prior to his arrival, Wright orchestrated one of the most  
25 remarkable turnarounds in the history of NJCAA football; and

26 WHEREAS, during his debut season in 2014, the Rangers already  
27 began to show signs of improvement with a 4-6 record and an  
28 appearance in the MACJC playoffs. One year later, they were  
29 lifting the National Championship Trophy; and

30 WHEREAS, despite his young tenure at Northwest Mississippi,  
31 Wright is no stranger to the program having served as the Rangers'  
32 Offensive Coordinator from 2008-2012; and

33 WHEREAS, the Batesville native spent one season as Offensive  
34 Line Coach at Holmes in 2013 before returning to Senatobia as the  
35 Rangers' Head Coach; and

36 WHEREAS, prior to joining the NJCAA ranks, Wright was an  
37 Offensive Line Coach at NCAA Division III Millsaps College from  
38 2005-2007. Launching his coaching career in 2001 at the high  
39 school level, Wright spent one year at North Delta School before  
40 landing a job as Offensive Line Coach at Meridian High School  
41 where he stayed until 2004. Earning his Bachelor's degree in 1999  
42 and his Master's in 2001 from Arkansas State University, Wright  
43 was a four-year starter for the Red Wolves at center and deep  
44 snapper; and



45 WHEREAS, "This is a tremendous honor," Wright said. "But  
46 it's an honor for our team because football is the ultimate team  
47 sport. Anytime you receive an individual honor like this, it  
48 really is more of a reflection of the coaching staff and the  
49 players and the collective effort and results that we had this  
50 year as a group"; and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join his peers in  
52 recognizing a Mississippi football coach who has brought honor to  
53 his college, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
56 we do hereby commend and congratulate Northwest Mississippi  
57 Community College Football Head Coach Jack Wright for being named  
58 NJCAA Football Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" for 2015,  
59 and extend our best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 Coach Wright, forwarded to NMCC President Dr. Gary Lee Spears and  
62 the NMCC Board of Trustees and the State Community College Board,  
63 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps

