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(15th), Jackson, Lamar, McLeod, Moore, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott,  
Powell, Read, Rogers (61st), Sanford, Smith, Snowden, Steverson, Sykes,  
Touchstone, Tullos, Weathersby, Wilson, Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JIM ELLIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
2 CALLING MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL AND MEN'S BASKETBALL  
3 GAMES, AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN CALLING  
4 MSU BASEBALL GAMES.

5 WHEREAS, after beginning his broadcasting career with  
6 Mississippi State University in 1979, Jim Ellis is semi-retiring  
7 from his profession, as he is stepping away from broadcasting the  
8 Bulldogs football and men's basketball games but will continue to  
9 call MSU baseball games, the job that he was originally hired for;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the move to a lighter schedule had been in the works  
12 for a few years now, and although he will of course miss calling  
13 all three sports, the new schedule will allow him to spend more  
14 time with his wife and seven grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of West Point and a 1969 graduate of  
16 Mississippi State, Mr. Ellis assumed the play-by-play role for  
17 football and men's basketball at the start of the 2011-2012  
18 athletic season following the retirement of legendary voice Jack  
19 Cristil; and



20           WHEREAS, after Cristil's retirement, Ellis could have tried  
21 to imitate his predecessor's style, but Ellis kept true to his  
22 authentic, deliberate, detailed and straight-forward approach that  
23 resonates with Bulldog fans; and

24           WHEREAS, in recognition of his truly remarkable talent for  
25 broadcasting, Ellis was named "Outstanding Broadcaster in  
26 Mississippi" by the National Sports Media Association on four  
27 occasions, 1998, 2002, 2013 and 2014; and

28           WHEREAS, although Bulldog fans will be hearing less of Ellis'  
29 impeccable calling, they will still hear him every time they tune  
30 into a baseball game, as he has no plans on stepping away from the  
31 baseball booth anytime soon; and

32           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
33 recognize the great voices of our state's athletic powerhouses,  
34 such as Jim Ellis, whose retirement from calling Bulldogs football  
35 and men's basketball games will leave a void that will not be  
36 easily replaced:

37           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
39 commend the career of Jim Ellis upon his retirement from calling  
40 football and men's basketball games for Mississippi State  
41 University, and extend best wishes for continued success calling  
42 MSU baseball games.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Jim Ellis, Mississippi State University Athletic  
45 Director John Cohen and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

