

By: Senator(s) Fillingane, Caughman,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 MISSISSIPPI HALL OF FAME BELHAVEN BASEBALL COACH HILL DENSON AS  
3 THE EIGHTH MISSISSIPPI BASEBALL COACH CHOSEN FOR INDUCTION INTO  
4 THE AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

5 WHEREAS, Belhaven University's Coach Hill Denson recently  
6 became the eighth Mississippi Baseball Coach chosen for induction  
7 into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. This  
8 is an award that usually comes after a coach retires; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Denson, a 73-year-old native of Bay Springs,  
10 currently is recruiting players for Belhaven and sending his team  
11 through workouts, while adjusting to the Blazers' switch from NAIA  
12 to NCAA Division III; and

13 WHEREAS, Belhaven Baseball Coach Hill Denson picked up his  
14 1,000th collegiate victory on March 18, 2015, as the Blazers  
15 defeated Tougaloo College 10-0. Denson joined the University of  
16 Mobile's Mike Jacobs and William Carey University's Bobby Halford  
17 as active coaches in the Southern States Athletic Conference with  
18 1,000 wins. Additionally, Denson is in the Hall of Fame at



19 Belhaven and USM, the Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame, and the  
20 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; and

21 WHEREAS, as the Head Coach at Southern Mississippi, Denson  
22 won 471 games in 14 seasons, and marked 590 victories at Belhaven;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame  
25 inducted Coach Hill Denson, who posted 12 consecutive winning  
26 seasons at the University of Southern Mississippi and led the  
27 Golden Eagles to their first-ever NCAA appearance. At the helm of  
28 the University of Southern Mississippi Baseball Program, he helped  
29 establish USM as a nationally recognized baseball power; and

30 WHEREAS, prior to his tenure at USM, Coach Denson served as  
31 the Director of In-Game Promotions for the Nashville Sounds, then  
32 New York Yankees Minor League Baseball Club. He also served as an  
33 Assistant Baseball Coach at Vanderbilt University; and

34 WHEREAS, Coach Denson's high school coaching experience  
35 included stints at three Mississippi high schools: Callaway High  
36 School, Manhattan High School and Chamberlain-Hunt Military  
37 Academy; and

38 WHEREAS, in the Summer of 2005, he managed The Jackson  
39 Senators, an independent Class A professional baseball team and a  
40 95-game schedule in the Central Independent Professional Baseball  
41 League; and

42 WHEREAS, a native of Bay Springs, Mississippi, Hill Denson is  
43 a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he



44 earned his Bachelor's Degree in Science Education. He received  
45 his Master's Degree in School Administration from Mississippi  
46 College; and

47 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
48 landmark career achievement by an outstanding coach who is  
49 respected by his coaching colleagues and has brought honor to his  
50 community, college, university and to the State of Mississippi:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
53 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi Hall of Fame  
54 Belhaven Baseball Coach Hill Denson as the eighth Mississippi  
55 Baseball Coach chosen for induction into the American Baseball  
56 Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and wish him and his family  
57 continued success in all their future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
59 Coach Hill Denson, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of Belhaven  
60 University, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

