

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Barnett, Burton,  
Frazier, Kirby, McMahan

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 563

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LONGTIME MISSISSIPPI  
2 COLLEGE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE JONES UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018.

4 WHEREAS, Mississippi College Athletic Director Mike Jones has  
5 been selected for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of  
6 Fame, Class of 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, the announcement was made at a recent press  
8 conference at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.  
9 Jones will be joined in the Class of 2018 by Anna Jackson (Murrah  
10 Women's Basketball Coach), Lafayette Stribling (Mississippi Valley  
11 State Men's Basketball Coach), Billy Brewer (Ole Miss Football  
12 Coach), Joe Walker, Jr., (Mississippi College and Ole Miss  
13 Track-and-Field Coach), and Archie Moore (Boxer). The Induction  
14 Ceremony will take place on July 28, 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, "I am extremely humbled and honored to be included  
16 in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2018," said Jones.  
17 "This would not have been possible without the support of my  
18 family, and especially my wife, Jane. I have been blessed to work



19 with some outstanding coaches and people who have influenced my  
20 career, and I owe them a debt of gratitude for this great honor";  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, following a career as a two-sport (baseball and  
23 basketball) student-athlete at Mississippi College, Coach Jones  
24 earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from  
25 Mississippi College in 1975 and his Master of Education Degree in  
26 School Administration in 1977; and

27 WHEREAS, he served as an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at  
28 Southern Miss before taking over as Head Coach at Copiah-Lincoln  
29 Community College. Jones went 112-20 (.848) over four seasons,  
30 leading the Wolves to two Region 23 Championships and one State  
31 Title. He was inducted into the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame in  
32 1996. Coach Jones then became the Head Men's Basketball Coach at  
33 Mississippi College in 1989 and compiled a 324-110 (.747) record  
34 over 16 seasons in Clinton. The Choctaws won one Gulf South  
35 Conference Championship (1994-1995) and four American Southwest  
36 Conference Titles. His teams reached the "Sweet Sixteen" round of  
37 the NCAA Division III Tournament three times; and

38 WHEREAS, for his head-coaching career, Jones posted a 436-130  
39 (.770) record and had winning records in all 20 of his seasons,  
40 including 16 straight at Mississippi College. He was inducted  
41 into the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 2002; and

42 WHEREAS, Jones is in his sixteenth year as Mississippi  
43 College's Athletic Director and has spearheaded fundraising



44 efforts to make improvements and additions to each facility and  
45 program in the department. Through the annual Mississippi College  
46 Athletics Dinner alone, Jones has helped the department bring in  
47 more than \$2,000,000.00, while hosting some outstanding guests,  
48 including Bobby Bowden, John Smoltz, Gene Stallings, Fred McAfee  
49 and this year's speaker, Buck Showalter; and

50 WHEREAS, "As an alumnus, former athlete, teacher, outstanding  
51 coach, longtime Athletic Director, and devout Christian family  
52 man, Mike Jones represents the best of Mississippi College," said  
53 Mississippi College President Dr. Lee Royce. "The basketball  
54 court was named in his honor some years ago as a testimony to the  
55 appreciation and affection that so many members of the Mississippi  
56 College family feel toward Mike Jones. He has made an  
57 extraordinary difference in the lives of thousands of athletes  
58 over a lifetime of service. We rejoice in this additional and  
59 much-deserved recognition from the Mississippi Sports Hall of  
60 Fame"; and

61 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the Mississippi  
62 College Athletic Program in celebrating this honor:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
65 we do hereby recognize longtime Mississippi College Athletic  
66 Director Mike Jones upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports  
67 Hall of Fame Class of 2018, and extend our best wishes to Mike and  
68 his family for future success.



69           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
70 Mike Jones, forwarded to Mississippi College President Dr. Lee  
71 Royce, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

