

By: Senator(s) Polk, Barnett, Dearing,
Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 645

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACADEMIC AND
2 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF RETIRING
3 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI SPORT MANAGEMENT PROFESSOR DR.
4 DENNIS PHILLIPS AND COMMENDING HIS LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, we join the administration and faculty colleagues of
6 retiring Graduate Coordinator of The University of Southern
7 Mississippi (USM) Master of Science in Sport Management Dr. Dennis
8 Phillips in commending a legacy of leadership and sports community
9 outreach; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has contributed to sport management and
11 administration for over 40 years, providing the State of
12 Mississippi with guidance and representation at the local and
13 national levels of his profession for the past 26 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has been a College Professor and
15 Administrator for over 40 years, the past 26 years at The
16 University of Southern Mississippi. For the past 15 years, he has
17 served as the NCAA and Conference USA Faculty Athletic
18 Representative for USM. For the past 6 years, Dr. Phillips has



19 served as the elected Faculty Representative for the National
20 Board of NCAA Division 1 Athletics; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has been the Graduate Coordinator for
22 the Master of Science in Sport Management Program for 22 years,
23 recruiting, advising and placing hundreds of students in the field
24 of athletics, as follows:

25 • Led the first Study Abroad Program in Sport Management at
26 USM with British Studies;

27 • Served as the President of the Mississippi Alliance of
28 Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD);

29 • Served on the Executive Board of the National Council on
30 Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) and the Sport and
31 Recreation Law Association (SRLA);

32 • Guided thousands of students through courses in Sport Law,
33 Policy and Governance of Sport, Sport Psychology, Organizational
34 Leadership, Facility Management, Sport Marketing, Policy and
35 Governance in Sport, Sport Finance and Economics, and Sport Ethics
36 and Coaching;

37 • Coached collegiate basketball, high school basketball,
38 golf, tennis, led clinics, and presented in 24 countries on
39 various aspects of Sport Administration;

40 • Chaired both the Athletic and Sport Management Councils of
41 the Southern District of the American Alliance for Health,
42 Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD);



43 • Served on the Governor's Commission on Physical Activity
44 and Sport in Mississippi;

45 • Participated in a Homeland Security Grant on Sport Event
46 Security and is a Consultant for Game Day Consulting, working with
47 Amateur and Professional Sport Teams as well as stadiums and
48 arenas; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips' career, promotions in academic rank,
50 service in administration, and outreach to the sports community
51 all provide exemplars for an academic career. He has tirelessly
52 influenced students, student athletes, coaches, The University of
53 Southern Mississippi and institutions across the country as he has
54 championed ethics, safety and the joy of sports. The State of
55 Mississippi is grateful for his contributions to our state, region
56 and nation and wish him well in his retirement. We join The
57 University of Southern Mississippi in paying tribute to his work:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
60 we do hereby recognize the academic and professional achievements
61 and community service of retiring University of Southern
62 Mississippi Sport Management Professor Dr. Dennis Phillips and
63 commend his legacy of leadership, and extend the best wishes of
64 the Legislature to Dr. Phillips and his family for future success.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
66 Dr. Phillips and the President of The University of Southern
67 Mississippi, Rodney D. Bennett, forwarded to the Board of Trustees



68 of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to
69 the Capitol Press Corps.

