

By: Representative Straughter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MR. ASHLEY
2 ROBINSON, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT JACKSON
3 STATE UNIVERSITY, AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN SELECTED AS
4 PRESIDENT OF THE DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION
5 ATHLETICS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

6 WHEREAS, the Division I Football Championship Subdivision
7 Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) has selected Mr. Ashley
8 Robinson, Vice President and Director of Athletics at Jackson
9 State University, to serve as President for the 2020-2021
10 membership year; and

11 WHEREAS, beginning his second year at Jackson State
12 University, Mr. Robinson stated "It's an honor to serve as the
13 President of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision
14 Athletics Directors Association for the upcoming year. Our
15 highest priorities remain giving voice to our membership while
16 supporting both the incredible sport of football and the Football
17 Championship Subdivision brand. We are dedicated to building upon
18 the outstanding work of the Division I Football Championship
19 Subdivision Athletics Directors Association and ensuring our



20 student-athletes have the first-class academic and athletic
21 experiences they so deserve"; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is the first African American to serve
23 as Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics
24 Directors Association President, after taking over for Kent
25 Haslam, Director of Athletics at the University of Montana, who
26 served for the 2019-2020 year and will transition to Immediate
27 Past President; and

28 WHEREAS, in addition to Mr. Robinson, the following directors
29 of athletics will serve as Division I Football Championship
30 Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Officers for the
31 2020-2021 membership year: 1st Vice President Nicki Moore,
32 Director of Athletics at Colgate University; 2nd Vice President
33 Tom Michael, Director of Athletics at Eastern Illinois University;
34 and 3rd Vice President Milton Overton, Director of Athletics at
35 Kennesaw State University; and

36 WHEREAS, furthermore, the following directors of athletics
37 will serve on the Division I Football Championship Subdivision
38 Athletics Directors Association Executive Committee: Mark Orr,
39 Sacramento State (Big Sky); Chris King, Robert Morris University
40 (Big South); Mark Benson, University at Albany (Colonial); Vicky
41 Chun, Yale University (Ivy); Ed Scott, Morgan State University
42 (MEAC); David Herbster, University of South Dakota (Missouri
43 Valley); Jeremy Gibson, Merrimack College (Northeast); Kurt
44 McGuffin, University of Tennessee at Martin (Ohio Valley); Jeff



45 Altier, Stetson University (Pioneer); Ryan Ivey, Stephen F. Austin
46 State University (Southland); and Derek Horne, Alcorn State
47 University (SWAC); and

48 WHEREAS, now in its 27th year, the Football Championship
49 Subdivision Athletics Directors Association's mission is to
50 enhance Football Championship Subdivision football, and the
51 Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors
52 Association is administered by the National Association of
53 Collegiate Directors of Athletics, which is in its 56th year; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 recognize and commend outstanding college football administrators,
56 especially those such as Mr. Robinson, who has brought honor to
57 his university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
60 recognize and congratulate Mr. Ashley Robinson, Vice President and
61 Director of Athletics at Jackson State University, as the first
62 African American selected as President of the Division I Football
63 Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association, and
64 extend best wishes for continued success in all of his future
65 endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Mr. Ashley Robinson, the Acting President of Jackson
68 State University and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
69 of Higher Learning, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

