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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON STATE
2 UNIVERSITY "LADY TIGERS" WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND "COACH OF THE
3 YEAR" TOMEKIA REED FOR WINNING THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC
4 CONFERENCE (SWAC) REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP IN BACK-TO-BACK
5 YEARS, FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST SWAC POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE
6 2008, AND FOR THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE NCAA "MARCH MADNESS"
7 POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT.

8 WHEREAS, the Jackson State University (JSU) "Lady Tigers"
9 Women's Basketball Team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference
10 Regular Season Championship in back-to-back seasons on March 5,
11 2021, at the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center by
12 defeating Alabama State University (ASU) 64-62; and

13 WHEREAS, the Jackson State Lady Tigers achieved selection for
14 postseason, drawing the No. 15 overall seed in this year's NCAA
15 Women's Basketball Tournament; and

16 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers are going dancing after winning the
17 SWAC Championship over Alabama State on March 13, 2021, by a final
18 score of 67-66 at the Bartow Arena in Birmingham, Alabama. In the
19 first quarter of play, the Lady Tigers and Lady Hornets were
20 locked into a close game midway through the quarter before JSU



21 opened it up to a 22-14 lead at the end of one quarter. In the
22 second quarter, ASU used a 9-4 swing to pull back to within a
23 29-23 deficit with 4:07 remaining in the half. Down the stretch
24 of the second quarter, JSU knocked down seven free throws to take
25 a 37-24 lead into the half. With seven minutes to go in the game,
26 leading 54-50, a four-point turnaround gave JSU a little bit of
27 breathing room as they regained an eight-point lead, 58-50. With
28 two minutes left, ASU hit a three-point shot to take a 63-61 lead.
29 Ameshya Williams hit a layup with a little over a minute in the
30 contest to tie the game up at 63-63. It was Cherelle Jones that
31 once again put the Lady Tigers up, 67-66, with 13.9 seconds left
32 with two made free throw attempts. Great defense in the final
33 seconds of play and an Ameshya Williams' rebound sealed the deal
34 and gave JSU the ultimate 67-66 SWAC Championship win over Alabama
35 State; and

36 WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers were led by Dayzsha Rogan with 25
37 points in the game and three assists, who was named the SWAC
38 Tournament "Most Valuable Player." Cherelle Jones had 13 points
39 and nine rebounds while Keshuna Lockett had nine points. Ameshya
40 Williams finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks. As
41 a team, JSU was 20-of-52 from the field and outrebounded ASU
42 46-36. With the win the Lady Tigers locked an automatic berth in
43 the NCAA Tournament in San Antonio, Texas. Jackson State improved
44 to 18-5 overall on the season, 15-1 in SWAC play, and achieved
45 their first SWAC Postseason Championship since 2008; and



46 WHEREAS, Coach Reed coached the Tigers to SWAC Regular Season
47 Championships for back-to-back seasons. In Coach Reed's three
48 seasons as JSU's Women's Basketball Coach, the Tigers (15-5, 14-1
49 SWAC) have gone 42-9 in SWAC play, including 30-3 in the last two
50 years. Coach Tomekia Reed was named Jackson State Head Women's
51 Basketball Coach in April 2018; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2021 Lady Tigers Championship Roster is: Ti'lan
53 Boler, Antionette Womack, D'Asia Mitchell, Ameshya Williams,
54 Keshuna Lockett, Jariyah Covington, Elexis Peyton, J'Niya Tallie,
55 La'Genesis Johnson, Che'Mya Carouthers, Dayzsha Rogan, Diamond
56 Forrest, Jasmine Edwards and Cherelle Jones; Head Coach Tomekia
57 Reed, Assistant Coaches Richard Bradley and Juanita Ward,
58 Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator LaShonda Cousin, Head
59 Manager Joshua Goss, Student Manager Artavia Moreis, Director of
60 Olympic Sports Shannon Jackson and First Responder Mark Kangar;
61 and

62 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
63 championship team and their coaches who have brought honor to
64 their university, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
67 Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball Team and
68 "Coach of the Year" Tomekia Reed for winning the Southwestern
69 Athletic Conference (SWAC) Regular Season Championships in
70 back-to-back years, for winning their first SWAC Postseason



71 Championship since 2008, and for their appearance in the NCAA
72 "March Madness" Postseason Tournament, and extend our best wishes
73 to the players, coaches, parents and sponsors for future success
74 in the NCAA Tournament.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
76 Coach Tomekia Reed and JSU President Thomas Hudson, forwarded to
77 the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, and made
78 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

