

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Simmons (12th), Barnett, Branning, Butler (38th), McCaughn

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 576

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COAHOMA  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH STEPHANIE MURPHY UPON  
3 BEING NAMED THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
4 CONFERENCE (MACCC) "COACH OF THE YEAR."

5 WHEREAS, we join the Mississippi community college basketball  
6 players, coaches and fans in honoring Coahoma Community College  
7 (CCC) Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy upon her receipt  
8 of the prestigious Mississippi Association of Community Colleges  
9 Conference "Coach of the Year" Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Stephanie Murphy is entering her fourth season as  
11 CCC Women's Head Basketball Coach. She is coming off an extremely  
12 successful 2020-2021 season, leading the Lady Tigers to become  
13 MACCC Co-State Champions, North Division Winners, and MACJC Region  
14 23 Runners-Up. Murphy coached her team to pull off consecutive  
15 wins for the season, resulting in a 14-game winning streak; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Murphy came to Coahoma Community College from  
17 Brandon High School, where she spent the past seven years. Prior  
18 to Brandon, she spent five years as the Head Coach at Tupelo High  
19 School and two years as the Head Coach at Meridian High School,



20 leading all three schools to the State Tournament and to Super Ten  
21 rankings. Coach Murphy experienced great success at the high  
22 school level, comprising an overall record of 326-124 (.724). She  
23 reached the State Tournament five times, finishing as a three-time  
24 State Runner-Up. She has also won six district championships, a  
25 South State Championship, and was named *Daily Journals* "Coach of  
26 the Year" in 2007; and

27 WHEREAS, Coach Murphy spent her collegiate career at the  
28 University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where she received her  
29 Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science in the year 2000 and her  
30 Master's Degree in Higher Education, with an emphasis in student  
31 personnel in 2002. At Ole Miss, she was a Letter Winner, Arthur  
32 Ashe, Jr., Leadership Award recipient, NCAA Leadership Conference  
33 participant, and an SEC All-Academic Team Member; and

34 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges  
35 Conference (MACCC), formerly the Mississippi Association of  
36 Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC), represents the collective  
37 interests of Mississippi's 15 public two-year colleges. This  
38 association was chartered, in part, to provide a framework for the  
39 development and administration of policies and procedures related  
40 to the governance of student activities at the various  
41 institutions. It is the belief of the MACCC membership that a  
42 well-rounded program of student activities greatly enhances the  
43 total development of the individual student and promotes the  
44 fulfillment of the purpose of the various institutions. The



45 benefits of such activities prepare students through the  
46 development of discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play and  
47 other virtues essential to success in life. The association  
48 supports the wholesome benefits of inter-school competition in  
49 athletics and other student activities. Through this shared  
50 vision of the institutional and collective benefits of a  
51 progressive program of student activities, the MACCC seeks to  
52 offer competitive programs that are established and maintained  
53 based on a high standard of ethics and fair play; and

54 WHEREAS, before furthering her education at Ole Miss, Murphy  
55 excelled both academically and athletically at West Tallahatchie  
56 High School in Webb, Mississippi. She was the Salutatorian of her  
57 1996 graduating class and was selected as the school's Star  
58 Student. During her senior year, she was selected a preseason  
59 Dandy Dozen, an All-District and First-Team All-State member, and  
60 was chosen to play in the Mississippi versus Alabama game; and

61 WHEREAS, Coach Murphy plans to bring a winning culture and  
62 mindset to the women's basketball program by subscribing to the  
63 principles that she feels has allowed her to have success  
64 throughout her life: discipline, hard work, trust in God, and  
65 faith that He will continue to work all things together for her  
66 good; and

67 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize an  
68 outstanding college coach who has brought honor to her program,  
69 her community and to the State of Mississippi:



70           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
71 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
72 we do hereby commend and congratulate Coahoma Community College  
73 Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy upon being named the  
74 Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference "Coach of  
75 the Year," and extend to Coach Murphy and her family our best  
76 wishes for future success.

77           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
78 Coach Stephanie Murphy and Coahoma Community College President  
79 Valmedge T. Towner, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the  
80 Coahoma Community College District, and made available to the  
81 Capitol Press Corps.

