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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 581

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY "LADY TIGERS" BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH TOMEKIA REED FOR WINNING THE 2022 SWAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
4 REGULAR SEASON TITLE AND FOR THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SWAC
5 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2022, the Jackson State University
7 "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball Team completed a dominant
8 Southwestern Athletic Conference season with a wire-to-wire win
9 101-80 victory over #3 Alabama State in the Cricket SWAC
10 Championship Game; and

11 WHEREAS, six players scored in double figures for Jackson
12 State. Miya Crump scored a season-high 22 points, Dayzsha Rogan
13 scored 17, Ameshya Williams-Holliday added 14 points. Keshuna
14 Lockett, LaMiracle Sims, and Jariyah Covington each scored 11
15 points as the Lady Tigers concluded an impressive sweep of the
16 Southwestern Athletic Conference; and

17 WHEREAS, including tournament play over the past two years,
18 Jackson State (23-6 overall) has won 37 consecutive games against
19 SWAC teams; and



20 WHEREAS, Jackson State becomes the first team since Alabama
21 State in 2015 and 2016 to win back-to-back SWAC Tournament
22 championships; and

23 WHEREAS, in the SWAC Championship, JSU picked up where it
24 left off, scoring the games' first seven points, Williams-Holliday
25 made her first three shots to set the tone. The Lady Tigers
26 outscored Alabama State 28-14 after one quarter, while the defense
27 was equally impressive. Alabama State made only six-of-16 shots
28 and committed five turnovers in the first 10 minutes. The second
29 quarter displayed the poise and depth of the JSU program.
30 Williams-Holliday picked up her second foul with 6:17 to play
31 until halftime. As Alabama State made run after run, the Lady
32 Tigers answered each time. Leading by seven points late in the
33 first half, Covington's three-pointer from the top of the key
34 sparked the Lady Tigers in scoring seven of the final 10 points of
35 the period. Covington's prior layup just before the buzzer gave
36 JSU a 49-38 halftime lead; and

37 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2022, Jackson State claimed the 2022
38 SWAC Women's Basketball Regular Season Title; and

39 WHEREAS, on March 19, 2022, the LSU "Lady Tigers" survived a
40 significant upset scare against a fierce JSU "Lady Tigers" squad
41 coming out on top 83-77. Playing above a 14-seed ranking and
42 coming back from a 17-point deficit in the second half to take a
43 late lead, the JSU "Lady Tigers" gave LSU everything they had in
44 the tank during their first-round NCAA Tournament match-up; and



45 WHEREAS, the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is
46 considered one of the premier Historically Black Colleges and
47 Universities (HBCU) Conferences in the country and currently ranks
48 among the elite in the nation in terms of HBCU alumni playing with
49 professional sports teams; and

50 WHEREAS, the 2021 - 2022 JSU Lady Tigers Women's Basketball
51 Team Championship Roster is: Ti'lan Boler, Jariyah Covington,
52 Miya Crump, Ja'Leah Hickmon, Areyanna Hunter, La'Genesis Johnson,
53 Keshuna Lockett, Aaliyah Mosley, Kennedy Ransom, Alexis Roberts,
54 Dayzsha Rogan, LaMiracle Sims, Daphane White, Ameshya
55 Williams-Holliday and Daja Woodard; Head Coach Tomekia Reed, and
56 Assistant Coaches Jonathan Williams, Lashonda Cousin and Chase
57 Campbell; and

58 WHEREAS, JSU is one of the largest HBCUs in the United States
59 and the fourth largest university in Mississippi. The average
60 high school GPA of the admitted Freshman Class at Jackson State
61 University was 2.93 on the 4.0 scale indicating that primarily "B"
62 students are accepted and ultimately attend; and

63 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
64 university athletes who have brought honor to their school, their
65 community and to the State of Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
67 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
68 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Jackson State University
69 "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team and Head Coach Tomekia Reed for



70 winning the 2022 SWAC Women's Basketball Regular Season Title and
71 for their second consecutive SWAC Tournament Championship, and
72 extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our best wishes
73 for success in the NCAA Tournament and future endeavors.

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

