

By: Representatives Bell (65th), Banks,  
Foster, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Holloway,  
Johnson, Yates

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING HEAD COACH T.C.  
2 TAYLOR FOR BEING NAMED HEAD COACH FOR THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
3 FOOTBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, Head Coach T.C. Taylor, one of the greatest Jackson  
5 State University (JSU) Tigers to ever don the Blue and White, has  
6 ascended to the position of head coach at his alma mater; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor has been named the 22nd head coach for  
8 JSU football, and he officially took the reins of the program  
9 following the conclusion of the Celebration Bowl; and

10 WHEREAS, the former JSU quarterback and wide receiver has  
11 been a part of the Jackson State football staff since 2019,  
12 coaching tight ends and wide receivers, and has played a key role  
13 in a historic run over the past two seasons of Tiger football; and

14 WHEREAS, JSU posted a 23-3 record over the past two seasons,  
15 winning back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)  
16 championships and posting consecutive undefeated conference  
17 seasons; and



18           WHEREAS, Coach Taylor's passion and love for Jackson State  
19 University is unquestioned, his standard of excellence as a JSU  
20 Tiger athlete, and his career trajectory as an assistant coach has  
21 prepared him for this exceptional opportunity; and

22           WHEREAS, Coach Taylor's fervent desire to lead his alma mater  
23 as head coach is unparalleled, and his vision and plan to continue  
24 the championship excellence of Jackson State football will  
25 certainly lead this outstanding program into the future; and

26           WHEREAS, building on tradition and blazing new trails, Coach  
27 Taylor's experience working with JSU's student-athletes, along  
28 with his dedication to support and enhance his alma mater, are  
29 exactly what Jackson State University needs to continue to elevate  
30 the athletic prowess of its football program; and

31           WHEREAS, as an assistant coach at JSU, Coach Taylor has  
32 helped develop some of the best receivers in the SWAC, and prior  
33 to the 2022 season, Coach Taylor was selected for an NFL coaching  
34 fellowship with the Tennessee Titans; and

35           WHEREAS, a native of McComb, Mississippi, Coach Taylor played  
36 quarterback and wide receiver at JSU from 1998 through 2001,  
37 starting off as a signal caller for two-and-a-half seasons before  
38 switching to wide receiver, and in just nineteen games as a  
39 receiver, he amassed 188 catches for 1,793 yards; and

40           WHEREAS, as a senior, Coach Taylor broke the JSU  
41 single-season record with 84 receptions for 1,234 yards, and  
42 eleven touchdowns, earning NCAA Division I-AA Third-Team



43 All-America honors from The Sports Network and First-Team Black  
44 College All-America recognition from Sheridan Broadcasting  
45 Network, and he was also the runner-up for the 2001 Conerly  
46 Trophy, presented to Mississippi's top college football player,  
47 behind Eli Manning; and

48 WHEREAS, prior to returning to JSU as assistant coach in  
49 2019, Coach Taylor coached at North Carolina Central University  
50 (NCCU) from 2014 through 2018, where he coached quarterbacks and  
51 served as offensive coordinator; and

52 WHEREAS, at NCCU, Coach Taylor helped guide the Eagles to  
53 three MEAC championships in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and in 2016, the  
54 team went unbeaten in conference play and qualified for the Air  
55 Force Reserve Celebration Bowl; and

56 WHEREAS, under Coach Taylor's guidance, in 2016, NCCU set a  
57 record for total offense in a single season, and in 2014, Coach  
58 Taylor's unit set a program record for passes completed in a  
59 season, and from 2014 through 2018, he coached 28 All-MEAC  
60 offensive players and five All-Americans; and

61 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor spent the prior two seasons, 2012  
62 through 2013, at Texas Southern University as the wide receivers'  
63 coach and recruiting coordinator; and

64 WHEREAS, from 2005 through 2011, Coach Taylor coached at  
65 Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, starting as  
66 the quarterbacks' and wide receivers' coach, and spending the  
67 final six years as offensive coordinator, and his offenses ranked



68 among the top five in Mississippi junior colleges in total yards  
69 for four straight seasons from 2007 through 2010; and

70 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor signed as a rookie free agent with the  
71 New England Patriots in 2002, played wide receiver for the NFL  
72 Europe World Bowl XI champion Frankfurt Galaxy in 2003, and  
73 participated in the 2003 NFL preseason with the Detroit Lions; and

74 WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, Coach Taylor  
75 graduated from Jackson State with a bachelor's degree in health,  
76 physical education and recreation in 2005, and outside of his  
77 outstanding coaching career, he is married to Dawn, and they have  
78 two sons, Tre and Tylan; and

79 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
80 recognize and commend exceptional Mississippians, especially those  
81 such as Coach Taylor, whose dedication and excellence on and off  
82 the field brings honor to Jackson State University and to the  
83 State of Mississippi:

84 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
85 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
86 recognize and commend Head Coach T.C. Taylor for being named head  
87 coach for the Jackson State University Football Team, and express  
88 best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
90 furnished to Head Coach T.C. Taylor, and to the members of the  
91 Capitol Press Corps.

