

By: Representative Holloway

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. JERRY SIMS FOR
2 HIS EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS IN BUSINESS AND OUTSTANDING LEGACY IN
3 TRACK AND FIELD AT ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY.

4 WHEREAS, as a successful businessman and extraordinary
5 student-athlete at Alcorn State University, Mr. Jerry Sims has
6 forged a legacy that will always be remembered; and

7 WHEREAS, a 1973 graduate of Alcorn State University, Mr. Sims
8 accepted a football scholarship to Alcorn in 1969, from legendary
9 Hall of Fame football coach, Marino "The Godfather" Casem, but,
10 four years later, he departed Alcorn as a world-record-holding
11 track and field student-athlete under the tutelage of Hall of Fame
12 track and field coach, Dr. Grant "Babe" Dungee; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Sims became the co-holder of the world
14 record in the 60-meter indoor dash, with a time of 5.9 during a
15 meet at Northwestern University, and he set a personal best record
16 of 9.2 in the 100-meter outdoor dash at the Grambling Relays, and
17 as a student-athlete, he competed internationally for the Amateur
18 Athletic Union (AAU), representing the United States, and was also



19 selected as a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
20 (NAIA) All American in indoor and outdoor Track and Field in 1971,
21 and he participated and placed in world-renowned track and field
22 events and venues such as the Texas Relays, Kansas Relays, Drake
23 Relays, and the AAU national championships at Madison Square
24 Garden; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Sims received a master's degree in science and
26 education from Jackson State University in 1975, and a second
27 master's degree in counseling from Alcorn State University in
28 1989, and while fulfilling his coursework requirements at Jackson
29 State, he served as a manager at International Telephone and
30 Telegraph Cooperation, and in 1979, he returned to Alcorn and
31 worked as the fixed asset manager for 35 years until retirement in
32 2014; and

33 WHEREAS, after more than 50 years, some of Mr. Sims' records
34 still stand at Alcorn State University, and in 2008, he received
35 recognition for his outstanding athletic career and was inducted
36 into the Alcorn State University A-Club Hall of Fame; and

37 WHEREAS, as a successful businessman, in addition to his
38 exceptional athletic achievements, Mr. Sims is the president,
39 founder, and owner of Mr. Sparkles Maintenance Services, bringing
40 three decades of successful business operations with him,
41 providing contractual services for numerous Fortune 500 companies,
42 and serving as a consultant for state and local agencies; and



43 WHEREAS, creating a legacy of positive impact for generations
44 to come, Mr. Sims has demonstrated leadership in all aspects of
45 his career, and his business has thrived because of superior
46 customer service, and his ability to build connections with the
47 community; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Sims also served as the vice president of the
49 Jefferson County Hospital Board, and has received numerous honors
50 and awards, including the first Bill Pope Property Award in 2013,
51 the Property Manager of the Year Award in 2013, and the 2001
52 Property Officer of the Year award from the Mississippi
53 Association of Government Purchasing Property Agents (MAPGPPA);
54 and

55 WHEREAS, dedicated to his alma mater, Mr. Sims remains a
56 devout Alcornite and supporter of Alcorn State University, serving
57 as a sponsor for the Alcorn State University Saturday STEM
58 program; and

59 WHEREAS, outside of his athletic accomplishments and
60 distinguished career in business, Mr. Sims is married to Mrs. Irma
61 Sims, and they have one daughter, Yakeika Sims; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
63 recognize outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Mr.
64 Sims, whose athletic excellence, hard work, and dauntless
65 fortitude brings honor to the State of Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



68 recognize and commend Mr. Jerry Sims for his exceptional success
69 in business and outstanding legacy in track and field at Alcorn
70 State University.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 furnished to Mr. Jerry Sims, and to the members of the Capitol
73 Press Corps.

