

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH LINDA BARLOW  
2 DEAR FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THE HEAD COACH OF THE SIMPSON  
3 ACADEMY GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND IN THE SPORT OF BASKETBALL  
4 OVERALL.

5 WHEREAS, Simpson Academy Girl's Basketball Coach, Linda  
6 Barlow Dear, has realized unprecedented success as the girl's  
7 basketball coach for the Lady Cougars, and on January 28, 2023,  
8 she celebrated her 600th career win surrounded by her team,  
9 friends and family; and

10 WHEREAS, through her immense leadership ability and natural  
11 flair for greatness, Coach Dear has procured numerous winning  
12 records, as her professionalism and passion for the game are a  
13 testament of the true value that she not only provides to her Lady  
14 Cougars but to the game of basketball overall; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Dear coached at Simpson Academy from 1986  
16 through 1998, where she led three varsity girls teams to state  
17 championships, and in 2015, she rejoined the Simpson Academy staff  
18 as the junior varsity girls basketball coach; and



19 WHEREAS, in 2016, Coach Dear stepped up and coached both the  
20 junior varsity and varsity girls teams, and she accomplished her  
21 300th win on November 3, 2016, against the Laurel Homeschool  
22 Knighthawks; and

23 WHEREAS, the Simpson Academy Lady Cougars have benefitted  
24 tremendously from the talent of Coach Dear, as they claimed the  
25 2019 Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) AAAA  
26 Division II State Basketball Championship; and

27 WHEREAS, the focused, resolute and detail-oriented Coach Dear  
28 inspires each of her players with her determination, ambition and  
29 intellect, and her elite status as a basketball coach was truly  
30 exhibited when she celebrated her 600th win; and

31 WHEREAS, Coach Dear's encouragement and positive influence on  
32 each player has exponentially advanced the Simpson Academy Girl's  
33 Basketball Team, and the players genuinely revel in the time and  
34 effort she dedicates to making each of them better than they were  
35 the day before, as they can absolutely feel the care for their  
36 overall well-being and the faith in their unique abilities that  
37 she possesses for each one of them; and

38 WHEREAS, Coach Dear has transformed each of her players into  
39 the championship caliber athletes they are today, broadened their  
40 knowledge of the game, refined their skills in execution and  
41 equipped each of them to realize their full potential and reach  
42 their goals; and



43           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
44 recognize and honor fine Mississippi educators, especially those  
45 such as Coach Linda Barlow Dear, an exhilarating combination of  
46 proficient basketball expertise and sincerity who radiates  
47 excellence and inspires all those who have the opportunity to  
48 learn and flourish under her tutelage:

49           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
51 commend and congratulate Coach Linda Barlow Dear for her many  
52 accomplishments as the Head Coach of the Simpson Academy Girl's  
53 Basketball Team and in the sport of basketball overall, and extend  
54 best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

55           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
56 furnished to Head Coach Linda Barlow Dear and to the members of  
57 the Capitol Press Corps.

