

By: Senator(s) Norwood, Simmons (12th),  
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LEGENDARY JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
2 HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH ROSEMARIE WASHINGTON FOR BEING NAMED 2023  
3 SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP COACH OF THE YEAR AND COMMENDING HER  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, synonymous with success in the Southwestern Athletic  
6 Conference, Jackson State University (JSU) alum Rosemarie  
7 Washington is in her third decade leading the Jackson State "Lady  
8 Tigers" Volleyball. Now in her 22nd season as Head Coach,  
9 Washington is one of the premiere coaches in the nation as she  
10 continues to build her program on discipline, dedication, hard  
11 work and the ability to teach and develop student-athletes. Coach  
12 Washington has made her program one of the most successful in the  
13 Southwestern Athletic Conference; and

14 WHEREAS, the "Lady Tigers" won the regular season SWAC  
15 Championship in both the Spring 2021 season and the Fall 2021  
16 season, winning the program's fourth conference tournament crown  
17 in March 2021 and finishing as runners-up in November 2021. JSU  
18 made its fourth NCAA Tournament appearance in April 2021, and



19 advanced to the National Invitational Volleyball Tournament in  
20 December 2021; and

21 WHEREAS, the championship tradition began in 2011 when the  
22 "Lady Tigers" won their first Southwestern Athletic Conference  
23 title and made their first trip to the NCAA Tournament. They  
24 carried their 2011 success into 2012, picking up their second SWAC  
25 title and an additional NCAA Tournament appearance. The "Lady  
26 Tigers" repeated the feat for a third time during the 2016 season  
27 for a third title and NCAA Tournament appearance. Coach  
28 Washington also received the honor of being named SWAC 2011, 2012,  
29 and 2016 "Volleyball Coach of the Year"; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to her coaching duties, Coach Washington  
31 has served the JSU Division of Athletics in other capacities.  
32 From 2009-2011, she served as the Assistant Athletic Director of  
33 Internal Affairs, where she oversaw athletic administrative  
34 assistants, secretaries, facilities and athletic trainers. She  
35 was a member of the JSU APR Task Force from 2010-2012 and the  
36 Jackson State Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee from  
37 2009-present. She served on the Southwestern Athletic Conference  
38 Strategic Planning Committee (2014-present), the AVCA Division I  
39 Volleyball Coaches Committee (2011-2016) and the NCAA Division I  
40 Regional Selection Committee (2002-2005, 2011-2015); and

41 WHEREAS, Coach Washington is a 1977 graduate of Jackson State  
42 University with a degree in Health and Physical Education. She  
43 served as the "Lady Tigers" graduate assistant from 1978 to 1980



44 while earning her master's in Health and Physical Education.  
45 During her two seasons with JSU, she helped establish a successful  
46 club team. In 1980, she moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to serve  
47 as the Southern University Head Volleyball Coach for two seasons;  
48 and

49 WHEREAS, before her return to JSU, Rose Washington lived in  
50 Los Angeles for 18 years, where she operated her own business.  
51 She also volunteered as a coach in the youth recreational  
52 volleyball and basketball leagues. A native of St. Croix, Virgin  
53 Islands, Washington was a four-sport athlete before attending JSU.  
54 She represented the Virgin Islands on numerous all-star  
55 basketball, volleyball and softball teams, and ran track; and

56 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the JSU  
57 community in acknowledging the athletic excellence of a mentor and  
58 coach who has brought honor to her university, her community and  
59 to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize outstanding Jackson State  
62 University Head Volleyball Coach Rosemarie Washington for being  
63 named 2023 SWAC Championship Coach of the Year, commend her  
64 Championship tradition, and extend the best wishes of the  
65 Mississippi Senate for future success on the occasion of her  
66 retirement.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
68 Coach Rose Washington, forwarded to the President of Jackson State



69 University and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
70 Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

