

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.

