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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON STATE  
2 UNIVERSITY "LADY TIGERS" WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND AWARD-WINNING  
3 COACH TOMEKIA REED FOR WINNING THE SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIFTH  
4 STRAIGHT SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, we join the JSU "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball  
6 Team, coaches, faculty, students and fans in celebrating an  
7 outstanding and record-breaking 2023-2024 season; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2024, the Jackson State "Lady Tigers"  
9 Women's Basketball Team held Alcorn State to just 20% from beyond  
10 the three-point arc in a 3-for-15 shooting performance on the way  
11 to a (68-44) victory over the "Braves" at Bartow Arena in the 2024  
12 SWAC Starry Women's Basketball Championship game. JSU won their  
13 ninth SWAC Women's Basketball Tournament Championship and their  
14 third under Head Coach Tomekia Reed; and

15 WHEREAS, Andriana Avent led the "Lady Tigers" with 17 points,  
16 one of three players who scored in double figures. Ti'lan Boler  
17 added 13 points and seven rebounds, and Hayleigh Breland chipped  
18 in with 11 points and three steals off the bench. Jackson State  
19 pulled down 18 rebounds that led to 13 second-chance points,



20 thanks in large part to Zakiya Mahoney's five offensive rebounds.  
21 The "Lady Tigers" came away with 10 blocks. Angel Jackson's six  
22 rejections led the way individually for the "Lady Tigers." The  
23 All-Tournament Team included Ti'lan Boler and Andriana Avent,  
24 (MVP); and

25 WHEREAS, on March 3, 2024, after yet another dominating start  
26 to SWAC play, Head Coach Tomekia Reed and the Jackson State  
27 Women's Basketball Team were crowned the 2023-2024 Regular Season  
28 SWAC Champions for the fifth straight season after defeating Texas  
29 Southern by 50 points; and

30 WHEREAS, after completing a perfect (18-0) conference season,  
31 the Jackson State Women's Basketball Team won big with  
32 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) postseason awards. Head  
33 Coach Tomekia Reed registered her fourth SWAC "Coach of the Year"  
34 honor (third consecutive) and Angel Jackson was named back-to-back  
35 SWAC "Defensive Player of the Year." Ti'lan Boler and Miya Crump  
36 finished on the All-SWAC First Team

37 WHEREAS, in her sixth season as Head Coach of the Jackson  
38 State Women's Basketball Program, Tomekia Reed has led her program  
39 to its fifth consecutive SWAC Regular Season Championship. As  
40 Head Coach of the "Lady Tigers," she has never had a losing  
41 record. The "Lady Tigers" have recorded their third 20-win  
42 season. Coach Reed opened the 2023-2024 campaign winning her  
43 100th game at Jackson State. This season, she has reached 103  
44 wins against SWAC opponents. She has also notched a victory over



45 a Big East opponent after defeating St. John's (60-56) in San  
46 Juan, Puerto Rico, early in the season. The "Lady Tigers" are  
47 ranked top 100 in NCAA national rankings, again, sitting at No.  
48 98. Under Coach Reed, Angel Jackson has been nationally ranked in  
49 multiple categories. Jackson is now ranked 10th in the nation in  
50 blocked shots and 13th in blocks. Coach Reed leads the No. 1  
51 defense and No. 3 offense in the SWAC this season. Her team leads  
52 the SWAC in blocked shots, combined team defensive and offensive  
53 rebounds, and team field goal percentage. Coach Reed has led JSU  
54 to a (20-6) overall record and a current (18-0) SWAC recorded this  
55 season. For the first time in program history, Jackson State  
56 Women's Basketball received a vote in the AP Top 25 poll under  
57 Coach Reed's tenure; and

58 WHEREAS, the Jackson State "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball  
59 Team won its 22nd game of the season on March 7, 2024, by  
60 defeating the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff (82-67) at the Lee  
61 E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center. The win, which improved  
62 the "Lady Tigers'" record to (17-0) in Southwestern Athletic  
63 Conference games, resulted in one of the voters in the *Associated*  
64 *Press* women's basketball poll including Jackson State in their Top  
65 25 ballot. "Lady Tigers" Coach Tomekia Reed posted on her social  
66 media account: "We always seek to do something that has never  
67 been done in our program as we look to continue to elevate the bar  
68 each year. But to receive an email saying we received a vote for  
69 the AP Poll is beyond my imagination"; and



70 WHEREAS, Jackson State "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball Team  
71 Roster: Ti'lan Boler, Miya Crump, Laila Walker, Keshuna Lockett,  
72 Madison Roshelle, Mikayla Woods, Angel Jackson, Areyanna Hunter,  
73 Daphane White, Zakiya Mahoney, Ja'Leah Hickmon, Andriana Avent,  
74 Alexis Roberts, Hayleigh Breland and Katelyn Brinkley; Head Coach  
75 Tomekia Reed; and Assistant Coaches LaShonda Cousin, Chase  
76 Campbell and Jonathan Williams; and

77 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this group  
78 of university championship athletes who have brought honor to  
79 their university, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
81 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
82 Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Women's Basketball Team and  
83 award-winning Coach Tomekia Reed for winning the SWAC Championship  
84 for the fifth straight season, and extend to the team, coaches,  
85 faculty, parents and sponsors our best wishes for future success.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
87 Head Coach Tomekia Reed and Jackson State University President  
88 Marcus Thompson, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State  
89 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol  
90 Press Corps.

