

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HEAD COACH T.C.
2 TAYLOR UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
3 (SWAC) COACH OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives is proud to
5 recognize and commend outstanding individuals who have
6 demonstrated excellence in their respective fields, particularly
7 in collegiate athletics, where leadership, perseverance and skill
8 mold the next generation of student-athletes; and

9 WHEREAS, Head Coach T.C. Taylor, in just his second season
10 leading the Jackson State University (JSU) Tigers football
11 program, has been named the 2024 Southwestern Athletic Conference
12 (SWAC) Coach of the Year, a well-deserved recognition of his
13 exceptional leadership and coaching acumen; and

14 WHEREAS, under Coach Taylor's guidance, the Jackson State
15 Tigers finished the 2024 football season with an impressive 12-2
16 overall record and an unblemished 8-0 record in SWAC conference
17 play, securing a dominant presence in the conference and
18 continuing a tradition of excellence for JSU football, which

19 culminated in the 2024 SWAC Championship and the 2024 National
20 HBCU Football Championship; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor's strategic leadership led Jackson
22 State to national prominence, with the team ranking among the best
23 in the country in multiple statistical categories, including first
24 in red zone offense, second in winning percentage, fourth in
25 fourth-down conversion percentage and within the top ten in total
26 defense, scoring offense and multiple other metrics; and

27 WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of Jackson State University, Coach
28 Taylor's journey from standout quarterback and wide receiver for
29 the Tigers to his ascension as the 22nd head coach of the program
30 is a testament to his deep-rooted commitment and passion for his
31 alma mater; and

32 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor has been instrumental in the continued
33 resurgence of Jackson State football, serving on the Tigers'
34 coaching staff since 2019 and playing a vital role in the
35 program's back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference
36 championships and consecutive undefeated conference seasons; and

37 WHEREAS, his coaching career spans more than two decades,
38 including impactful tenures at North Carolina Central University,
39 Texas Southern University and Coahoma Community College, where he
40 consistently developed elite talent and championship-caliber
41 teams; and

42 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor's influence extends beyond the
43 gridiron, as he has mentored and developed student-athletes who

44 have excelled both academically and athletically, with several of
45 his protégés going on to earn professional football opportunities
46 and other significant accolades; and

47 WHEREAS, Coach Taylor's excellence has not gone unnoticed on
48 a national level, as he has been named a finalist for the
49 prestigious Eddie Robinson Award, which recognizes the National
50 Coach of the Year in Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) play;
51 and

52 WHEREAS, his unwavering dedication to the success of Jackson
53 State football and his commitment to fostering a culture of
54 discipline, excellence and sportsmanship make him a shining
55 example of leadership within collegiate athletics; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
57 recognize and honor great Mississippians who contribute to the
58 legacy of athletic excellence in the state and inspire the next
59 generation of student-athletes and leaders:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commend and congratulate Head Coach T.C. Taylor upon being named
63 the 2024 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year
64 and extend best wishes for continued success in his career and
65 future endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Head Coach T.C. Taylor, the President of Jackson

68 State University, the Commissioner of the Southwestern Athletic
69 Conference and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

