

By: Representative Anthony

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SARITA "BUGG"
2 COOPER-WHITE UPON HER SELECTION AS AN INDUCTEE INTO THE DELTA
3 STATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2025 SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, Delta State University Athletics has announced its
5 Class of 2025 Hall of Fame inductees, a distinguished group
6 representing excellence in women's basketball, football, baseball,
7 golf, and swimming and diving; and

8 WHEREAS, Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White, a native of Indianola,
9 Mississippi, and a legendary figure in women's basketball, has
10 earned her place in this esteemed Hall of Fame due to her
11 outstanding career and lasting contributions to the sport at both
12 the high school and collegiate levels as a player and coach; and

13 WHEREAS, before embarking on her collegiate career, Sarita
14 Cooper-White established herself as a dominant force at Gentry
15 High School, leading the Lady Rams to an undefeated 40-0 season
16 and a Class 4A State Championship in 2006-2007 while earning the
17 titles of "Miss Basketball" and Class 4A Player of the Year for
18 the State of Mississippi, being named to *The Clarion-Ledger's*



19 "Dandy Dozen," selected for the North/South Junior All-Star Game
20 where she received the Defensive MVP Award, chosen for the Alabama
21 All-Star Game in her senior year, recognized as an MHSAA All-State
22 selection in both her junior and senior seasons, and honored with
23 Team MVP, Leadership Award and Best Defensive Player distinctions
24 in her junior and senior years of high school competition; and

25 WHEREAS, Cooper-White played for the Delta State University
26 Lady Statesmen from 2007-2011, where she was a two-time
27 All-American in 2010 and 2011, an All-Gulf South Conference
28 selection from 2009-2011, and an All-Region selection in 2009 and
29 2010; and

30 WHEREAS, during her tenure at Delta State, she amassed 1,027
31 career points, 530 rebounds, 963 assists, and 249 steals, ranking
32 third all-time in NCAA Division II history for career assists and
33 setting program records at both Delta State and in Gulf South
34 Conference history; and

35 WHEREAS, Cooper-White led NCAA Division II in assists for
36 three consecutive seasons and was named to the Gulf South
37 Conference West Division All-Decade Second Team, solidifying her
38 legacy as one of the most exceptional playmakers in women's
39 college basketball; and

40 WHEREAS, following her collegiate career, she transitioned
41 into coaching, serving as Head Coach at Gentry High School from
42 2017-2019, where she led the team to three consecutive district



championships and earned District Coach of the Year honors each year; and

WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 season, she took the helm as Head Coach at Washington School, guiding the Lady Generals to a 26-7 record, the MAIS 4A North State Championship, and a runner-up finish in the MAIS 4A State Championship, further showcasing her leadership and coaching acumen; and

WHEREAS, the Delta State University Sports Hall of Fame selection process is a testament to the excellence, dedication, and perseverance demonstrated by its inductees, and Sarita Cooper-White has proven herself worthy of this prestigious recognition through her remarkable playing career and coaching success; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and commend outstanding individuals such as Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White, who have brought honor to their alma mater, their community and the State of Mississippi through their athletic and professional achievements:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White upon her selection as an inductee into the Delta State University Class of 2025 Sports Hall of Fame and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.



67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Sarita Cooper-White and to the members of the Capitol
69 Press Corps.

