

By: Representative Crudup

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DEVEN BATES OF THE
2 COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOLVES BASKETBALL TEAM FOR HIS
3 SELECTION TO THE FAB 50 JUCO FRESHMEN LIST.

4 WHEREAS, Deven Bates, a freshman guard for the Copiah-Lincoln
5 Community College (Co-Lin) Wolves Basketball Team, has been
6 honored by being named to the prestigious Fab 50 JUCO Freshmen
7 list by JucoRecruiting.com, an honor reserved for the most elite
8 first-year junior college basketball players in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, donning the Number 12 jersey, standing at 6 feet 2
10 inches and hailing from Jackson, Mississippi, as a graduate of
11 Hillcrest Christian School, Deven has emerged as one of the most
12 dynamic and dominant players in junior college basketball,
13 demonstrating exceptional skill, leadership and perseverance
14 throughout his freshman season; and

15 WHEREAS, his outstanding performance has significantly
16 contributed to the success of the Co-Lin Wolves, earning him
17 recognition among the top junior college freshmen basketball
18 players in the United States; and



19 WHEREAS, Deven led the Wolves in scoring, averaging an
20 impressive 23.1 points per game, and finished the season as the
21 leading scorer in the Mississippi Association of Community
22 Colleges Conference (MACCC) and among the Top 5 scorers in NJCAA
23 Division I; and

24 WHEREAS, his all-around performance was exemplary, ranking
25 among the Top 10 in the MACCC in multiple statistical categories,
26 including 7.8 rebounds per game, 3.8 assists per game, and 2.1
27 steals per game, making him one of the most well-rounded players
28 in the conference; and

29 WHEREAS, his offensive efficiency was equally outstanding,
30 boasting a 44.2% field goal percentage, 33.1% three-point shooting
31 accuracy, and a 72.7% free throw percentage, making him one of the
32 most consistent scoring threats on the court; and

33 WHEREAS, Deven's 578 total points ranked third in the MACCC,
34 while his 195 total rebounds placed him among the Top 10
35 rebounders in the conference, underscoring his ability to
36 contribute in all facets of the game; and

37 WHEREAS, his outstanding performances included a season-high
38 30-point effort in a thrilling overtime matchup against Northwest
39 Mississippi, showcasing his ability to excel in high-pressure
40 situations and reinforcing his reputation as a premier talent in
41 JUCO basketball; and

42 WHEREAS, Deven's exceptional season also earned him First
43 Team All-MACCC honors, in addition to multiple MACCC Player of the



44 Week awards, solidifying his status as one of the most decorated
45 freshmen in the nation; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
47 recognize excellence in the state's student-athletes of Deven's
48 incredible caliber, and for whom this remarkable recognition not
49 only brings honor to himself, but reflects greatly upon
50 Copiah-Lincoln Community College, the MACCC, and the State of
51 Mississippi, serving as a testament to the talent, discipline and
52 hard work cultivated within the state's community college
53 athletics:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 commend and congratulate Deven Bates for his remarkable
57 achievement of being named to the Fab 50 JUCO Freshmen list and
58 extend best wishes for his continued success both on and off the
59 basketball court.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to Deven Bates and to the members of the Capitol Press
62 Corps.

