

By: Senator(s) Simmons (13th), Simmons
(12th), Brumfield, Barnett, Ladner, Blackmon,
Thomas, Jordan, Jackson, Parker, Norwood

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGENDARY BASKETBALL
2 COMPETITION CAREER OF DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY 2025 SPORTS HALL OF
3 FAME INDUCTEE SARITA "BUGG" COOPER-WHITE.

4 WHEREAS, we join the Mississippi basketball competition
5 community and the citizens of Moorehead and Indianola,
6 Mississippi, in recognizing the basketball players and coaching
7 championships and accomplishments of Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Sarita Cooper-White's women's basketball
10 accomplishments:

11 **Gentry High School:**

12 • Started four years for Coach Charles Williams at Gentry
13 High School;

14 • Named "Miss Basketball" for the State of Mississippi after
15 guiding Gentry to the Class 4A State Championship and Grand Slam
16 Championship with a perfect 40-0 record in 2006-2007;

17 • Led Gentry High School to overall "Tournament of
18 Champions" title;



- 19 • Named to *The Clarion-Ledger* "Dandy Dozen";
- 20 • Selected to play in the North/South Junior All-Star Game
- 21 her junior season, earning the Defensive MVP Award;
- 22 • Selected to play in the Alabama All-Star Game her senior
- 23 season;
- 24 • Named MHSAA All-State her junior and senior seasons;
- 25 • Named Class 4A Player of the Year;
- 26 • Earned Team MVP, Leadership Award, and Best Defensive
- 27 Player honors her junior and senior seasons;
- 28 • One of the top 10 recruits in Mississippi in 2006-2007;
- 29 and

30 **Delta State University:**

- 31 • Ranked third all-time in NCAA Division II history for
- 32 assists (963), while ranking first in Delta State University and
- 33 GSC history;
- 34 • The 32nd player to top the 1,000 point plateau in the
- 35 87-40 victory over Southern Arkansas (2/3/11);
- 36 • Led NCAA Division II in assists the past three seasons;
- 37 • Averages 8.1 points, 3.6 rebounds, and 6.71 assists per
- 38 game in her career;
- 39 • Recorded 192 career steals;
- 40 • Named to Gulf South Conference West Division All-Decade
- 41 Second Team this past summer;
- 42 • Named to Gulf South Conference (GSC) West Division;
- 43 • Player of the Week in January 2011;



- Named to Second Team All-Region by Daktronics in 2011;
- Named to WBCA Honorable Mention list three years in a row (2009-2011);
- Named to 2010-2011 All-GSC First Team;
- Ended career with 1,095 points, 530 rebounds, 963 assists and 249 steals; and

Coaching Career:

- Named Head Coach at Gentry High School in 2017-2018;
- Won the District Championship in 2017, 2018, and 2019;
- Named Coach of the Year in the District in 2017, 2018, and 2019;
- Led the Lady Rams to the semi-finals in the playoffs in 2017-2018;
- Led the Lady Rams to the first-round play offs in 2018-2019;
- Named Head Coach at Washington School in 2024-2025; season record 26-7;
- MAIS 2025 4A North State Champions. Led the Lady Generals to the 4A State Championship, becoming the Runners-Up in 2025 while advancing to the Overall Tournament;
- Selected to coach in the MAIS 4A, 5A, and 6A Girls' All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White played for Delta State University Women's Basketball from 2007-2011. She was a two-time All-American in 2010 and 2011, an All-Gulf South Conference



69 selection from 2009-2011, and an All-Region selection in 2009 and
70 2010. Cooper-White tallied 1,027 career points, 249 career
71 steals, and 963 career assists in 134 games played, both of which
72 rank second in program history; and

73 WHEREAS, Delta State University Athletics has announced the
74 Class of 2025 Hall of Fame that features women's basketball,
75 football, baseball, golf and swimming and diving. Indianola's
76 Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White headlines this year's class; and

77 WHEREAS, Coach Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White is a legendary
78 figure in the realm of high school and college athletics. Her
79 unmatched leadership, dedication, and positive impact on the
80 Indianola Gentry High School and Delta State University Girls
81 Basketball programs bring honor to her school, her university and
82 to the State of Mississippi:

83 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
84 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
85 we do hereby recognize the legendary basketball competition career
86 of Delta State University 2025 Sports Hall of Fame inductee Sarita
87 "Bugg" Cooper-White, and extend to Sarita and her family our
88 thanks and best wishes for future success.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
90 Sarita "Bugg" Cooper-White, forwarded to Gentry High School
91 Principal Edmond Williams, the Sunflower County Board of
92 Education, the Athletic Director of Delta State University, and be
93 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

