

By: Senator(s) England, McLendon, Seymour

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S GOLF TEAM AND NATIONAL COACH OF
3 THE YEAR BRAD THORNTON FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE
4 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College men's
6 golf team had a record-breaking year by winning the program's
7 second national championship, along with the NJCAA District D
8 Tournament for the fifteenth time in the last 16 events, and
9 claiming the last 12 tournaments of the year; and

10 WHEREAS, for his efforts in leading the Bulldogs to such
11 heights, Head Coach Brad Thornton was named the Dave Williams
12 National Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association of
13 America; and

14 WHEREAS, for their efforts on the course, Will Burnham was
15 named Ping Division II All-American First Team, NJCAA All-American
16 Second Team, College Sports Communicators Academic All-American,
17 and Bobcat Invitational Medalist, and he won the Hubert Tucker
18 Award for best scoring average in MACCC play; Andrew Zielinski was
19 named Ping All-American First Team, NJCAA All-American Honorable



Mention, All-MACCC First Team, Bulldog Invitational Medalist, and College Sports Communicators Academic All-American of the Year; Jackson Wise was named Ping All-American Honorable Mention, NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention, College Sports Communicators Academic All-District, Lou Hart Invitational Medalist, and he won the Tommy Snell Award as MACCC Championship Medalist; Peyton Russell was named NJCAA All-American First Team, Ping All-American Second Team, All-MACCC First Team and NJCAA Preview Medalist; Stanley Campbell was named Ping All-American Honorable Mention, NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention, All-MACCC First Team and NJCAA Gulf District Championship Medalist; Kyle Davidson had five top-10 finishes, including a third-place finish and two other top-fives; John Mark Mills had one runner-up and five top-10 finishes, and earned NJCAA All-Academic First Team honors; Mateo Jiminez had one top-20 finish and earned NJCAA All-Academic Third team honors; Ludvig Behring had one top-10 finish and earned NJCAA All-Academic Second Team honors; and Garner Seymour had one top-20 finish; and

WHEREAS, for their efforts in the classroom, the team earned NJCAA Academic Team of the Year Honorable Mention; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend the superb accomplishments of these student-athletes whose efforts on and off the course bring honor to their school, their families and to the State of Mississippi:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
46 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College men's golf team and Coach
47 Brad Thornton upon winning the National Junior College Athletic
48 Association Division II championship and extend to them our
49 heartfelt wishes of success in all their future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College President Dr. Mary S.
52 Graham, Vice President Dr. Ladd Taylor, Dean of Athletics Steven
53 Campbell Jr., Coach Brad Thornton and made available to the
54 Capitol Press Corps.

