

By: Senator(s) Boyd, McCaughn, Suber,
Sparks, DeLano, Jackson, Chassaniol, Hickman,
Michel, Whaley, Parks, Hopson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING OLE MISS
2 BASKETBALL COACH CHRIS BEARD FOR WINNING THE 2025 JIM PHELAN
3 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, we join Ole Miss basketball fans in honoring Coach
5 Chris Beard for receiving the National Coach of the Year Award and
6 for coaching his team to an outstanding regular and tournament
7 season; and

8 WHEREAS, Ole Miss Basketball Coach Chris Beard was named the
9 2025 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year on March 31, 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, this honor comes after the Rebels finished 24-12 and
11 made it to the NCAA Tournament as the No. 6 seed. They beat No.
12 11 North Carolina and No. 3 Iowa State to make it to the Sweet 16,
13 tying the deepest run in Ole Miss history. No. 2 Michigan State
14 beat the Rebels 73-70 in Atlanta, ending the run; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Beard just finished his second year as Head
16 Coach at Ole Miss. He led the Rebels to a 20-12 record last
17 season and has added to his reputation as a proficient program
18 builder; and



19 WHEREAS, Coach Beard was appointed Head Coach on March 13,
20 2023, and is recognized as a four-time Conference Coach of the
21 Year and the 2019 National Coach of the Year. Before joining Ole
22 Miss, Beard had successful coaching stints at Texas Tech, Texas,
23 and other institutions; and

24 WHEREAS, Ole Miss' 2025 March Madness run ended after
25 reaching the Sweet 16 for the second time in program history, and
26 it is with great pride that we recognize a Mississippi university
27 coach who has brought positive recognition to his university, his
28 community and to the State of Mississippi:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ole Miss
31 Basketball Coach Chris Beard for winning the 2025 Jim Phelan
32 National Coach of the Year Award, and extend the best wishes of
33 the Mississippi Senate to Coach Beard and his team for future
34 successes.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
36 Coach Chris Beard, forwarded to Ole Miss Chancellor Glen Boyce and
37 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and
38 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

