

By: Senator(s) Mettetal, Hamilton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIS WRIGHT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
2 CAREER COACHING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

3 WHEREAS, Willis Wright is the coach of the North Delta High
4 School Green Wave football squad; and

5 WHEREAS, Willis Wright came out of retirement in 1999 to turn
6 around a dissatisfied Green Wave football team, and not only did
7 he turn them around, but led them to the state championship in
8 November 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Willis Wright has compiled an impressive record
10 during his career of 227 wins, 66 losses and 5 ties; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Willis Wright garnered many
12 awards and honors, such as Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame
13 Inductee (1998); Mississippi Sportswriters Association Coach of
14 the Year (1993); Birmingham Touchdown Club 5A Coach of the Year
15 (1987); and Jackson Daily News Coach of the Year (1984); and

16 WHEREAS, Willis Wright was selected to coach in five All-Star
17 games and has served as a clinic speaker at various coaching
18 clinics; and

19 WHEREAS, Willis Wright has led his various teams to many
20 state championships, including North Delta High School - 3A State
21 Championship (2000); South Panola High School - 5A State
22 Championship (1993); Greenville, Alabama, High School - 5A State
23 Championship (1987); and Starkville High School - 5A State
24 Championship (1984); and

25 WHEREAS, Willis Wright is held in high regard by his coaching
26 peers; and

27 WHEREAS, Coach Wright is married to the former Teresa Phelps
28 from Batesville, Mississippi, and has one son, Jack, who is a
29 graduate student at Arkansas State University; and

30 WHEREAS, Willis Wright's commitment to excellence and
31 dedication to students have earned him the respect and admiration
32 of students, faculty and parents in the community; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the
34 noteworthy accomplishments of Mississippians:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Willis Wright for his
37 exemplary career.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Willis Wright and made available to the Capitol Press
40 Corps.