

By: Senator(s) Carlton, Dearing, Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 591

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 19-YEAR CAREER OF
2 LEGENDARY DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH LLOYD
3 CLARK UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Lloyd B. Clark, Jr., is retiring at the end of
5 the season, ending a 19-year career as Head Coach of the Delta
6 State University Lady Statesmen basketball team; and

7 WHEREAS, under Clark's guidance the DSU Women's Basketball
8 tradition burns brighter than ever. Clark has compiled an overall
9 record of 491-97, winning 12 GSC titles, 10 NCAA regional titles
10 and 3 NCAA Division II National Championships in 1989, 1990 and
11 1992. His teams have made NCAA tournament appearances in 15-of-18
12 seasons and played in four NCAA Division II championship games;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Gulf South Conference has also recognized
15 Clark's excellence as a coach, awarding him the Coach of the Year
16 honor four times in 1986, 1987, 1993 and 2001. Clark is Delta
17 State's All-Team Winningest Coach, having put together five 30-win
18 seasons and 11 more with 20 or more wins; and

19 WHEREAS, at Walter Sillers Coliseum, Clark's teams have
20 compiled an incredible 256-19 (.930) record, including two Final
21 Four wins in 1989 to win the national title and become the first
22 team ever to win an NCAA basketball national championship in its
23 home arena; and

24 WHEREAS, the 61-year-old coach has amassed a 193-332 (.857)
25 record in Gulf South Conference play, capturing GSC tournament
26 championships in eight different seasons. Clark's teams have also
27 compiled a 38-13 (.745) NCAA tournament record; and



28 WHEREAS, Clark began his storied career as girls coach at
29 Vicksburg's Warren Central High School from 1975-1983, compiling a
30 245-83 record. His 1983 team at WCHS went 35-2 and was ranked as
31 high as fifth by *USA Today*. The Lady Vikings made five state
32 tournament appearances in a six-year span under Clark, finishing
33 second twice. His teams won seven district titles and five Little
34 Dixie Conference titles, while Clark was LDC Coach of the Year
35 four times; and

36 WHEREAS, a native of Drew, Mississippi, Clark received a BS
37 Degree in Social Science from Delta State in 1970 and later earned
38 a Master's Degree in Education with a history emphasis from DSU in
39 1977; he is also a DSU History instructor; and

40 WHEREAS, Clark is married to the former Babs Walker of Drew,
41 Mississippi. They have two sons, Scottie and Brady, both Delta
42 State alumni, and two grandchildren, Walker (3) and Will (1); and

43 WHEREAS, Coach Clark is an avid golfer and outdoorsman, and
44 will spend his retirement at his cabin on Oxbow River Lake; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
46 outstanding contributions and motivational skills of this
47 legendary coach and teacher who has brought honor to his
48 university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend the 19-year career of legendary Delta State
52 University Women's Basketball Coach Lloyd Clark upon the occasion
53 of his retirement, and wish him and his family continued success
54 in their future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
56 presented to Coach Clark and his family, be forwarded to the
57 President of Delta State University and be made available to the
58 Capitol Press Corps.

