

By: Senator(s) Browning, Little, Chamberlin, Frazier, Hyde-Smith, Nunnelee, Smith, Tollison, Williamson To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ILLUSTRIOUS BASKETBALL CAREER OF  
2 MILLSAPS COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACH JOHN STROUD AND CONGRATULATE HIM  
3 ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS IN THE  
4 COACHING PROFESSION.

5 WHEREAS, after thirteen years at Millsaps College and  
6 nineteen years in the coaching profession, John Stroud has  
7 resigned as the Major's Men's Head Basketball Coach. Stroud  
8 leaves Millsaps to pursue opportunities in private business; and

9 WHEREAS, Stroud began his illustrious career at Millsaps in  
10 1990. During his thirteen-year tenure, Stroud guided his teams to  
11 three Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships and  
12 led the Majors to three NCAA Tournament appearances. The two-time  
13 South Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the  
14 all-time winning leader at Millsaps, Stroud compiled a record of  
15 204-131, reaching the 200 victory plateau this season in a 71-48  
16 triumph over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on January 31,  
17 2003. Suffering only two losing seasons while at Millsaps, Stroud  
18 posted seven seasons of at least sixteen wins, including three  
19 campaigns of twenty wins or more. Stroud's best year came in  
20 1994-1995 as he led the Majors to a 25-3 mark, a Southern  
21 Collegiate Athletic Conference Title, and a trip to the NCAA  
22 Division III Sweet 16; and

23 WHEREAS, Stroud came to prominence in the basketball arena as  
24 a standout player at the University of Mississippi in the late  
25 1970's and early 1980's. He was an All-American selection during  
26 his senior year after leading the Southeastern Conference in  
27 scoring during both his junior and senior seasons. Stroud  
28 finished his career as the Rebels' all-time leading scorer and



29 Stroud is currently the third all-time leading scorer in SEC  
30 Basketball history. Stroud was inducted into the Ole Miss Sports  
31 Hall of Fame in 1995; and

32 WHEREAS, following his Senior year at Ole Miss, Stroud was  
33 the top choice of the Houston Rockets in the 1980 NBA draft. He  
34 played with the Houston Rockets from 1980-1982 and was a member of  
35 the 1981 team that lost to the Philadelphia 76er's in the NBA  
36 Finals. Stroud played the 1982-1983 season in Europe with Caja De  
37 Rhonda, located in Malaga, Spain; and

38 WHEREAS, after a three-year professional career, Stroud  
39 entered the coaching profession in 1984 as a Graduate Assistant at  
40 the University of Alabama. In 1985, he became the Head Basketball  
41 Coach at W.P. Daniel High School in New Albany, Mississippi, where  
42 he won two State Championships and compiled a 71-24 record in  
43 three years; and

44 WHEREAS, in 1988, Stroud accepted the head coaching position  
45 at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi.  
46 Making an immediate impact in Scooba, Mississippi, Stroud led East  
47 Mississippi Community College to its first-ever State Tournament  
48 appearance and its first Regional Tournament in 25 years. In his  
49 two seasons at East Mississippi Community College, Stroud compiled  
50 a 30-30 record and was named the MACJC Coach of the Year following  
51 the 1989-1990 season before assuming the reins of the Millsaps'  
52 Basketball program the following year; and

53 WHEREAS, John is a native of Pontotoc, Mississippi, and it is  
54 with great pride that we recognize the collegiate, professional  
55 and coaching career of this All-Star who has brought honor to his  
56 community, his alma mater, the schools at which he has coached and  
57 to the State of Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
59 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the illustrious basketball  
60 career of Millsap's College Basketball Coach and former Ole Miss  
61 All-Star John Stroud and congratulate him and his family on the



62 occasion of his retirement after 19 years in the coaching  
63 profession, and extend to him the best wishes of the Senate on his  
64 future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
66 John Stroud, be forwarded to the President of Millsaps College and  
67 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

