

By: Representatives Smith  
(27th), Dickson, Perkins,  
Robinson (63rd)

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DELTA DEVILS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON ITS  
3 OUTSTANDING 2003-2004 SEASON AND WINNING THE 2004 SOUTHWESTERN  
4 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University Delta Devils  
6 Basketball Team had an outstanding year, finishing the 2003-2004  
7 season with a remarkable record of 24 wins and only 7 losses; and

8 WHEREAS, showcasing immense talent, the Delta Devils have  
9 brought great honor and pride to Mississippi Valley State  
10 University by winning the 2004 Southwestern Athletic Conference  
11 (SWAC) Regular Season Championship and advancing to the first  
12 round in the SWAC playoffs; and

13 WHEREAS, for their superior play, many individual honors have  
14 been bestowed on several members of the Devils Team, including the  
15 naming of Attarrius Norwood and Solomon Forbes to the All-SWAC  
16 First Team; the selection of Edward Mack to the All-SWAC Second  
17 Team; and the naming of Attarrius Norwood as Player of the Year  
18 and Edward Mack as Defensive Player of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, the Delta Devils have been superbly coached and  
20 inspired this season by Head Coach LaFayette Stribling, Assistant  
21 Coaches Harvey Wardell and D'Jamel Jackson, who have broadened the  
22 players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in  
23 execution; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Stribling has brought additional honor and  
25 pride to himself and to Mississippi Valley State University upon  
26 being named Coach of the Year; and

27 WHEREAS, the Delta Devils have developed a winning and  
28 cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their

29 activities and attitude reflect great credit upon the individual  
30 players and their coach, and bring honor to Mississippi Valley  
31 State University; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
33 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
34 youth of our state who are its future:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
37 commend and congratulate the Mississippi Valley State University  
38 Delta Devils Basketball Team and their coaches for their  
39 outstanding 2003-2004 season, for winning the SWAC Regular Season  
40 Championship and for displaying tireless devotion to their  
41 athletic endeavors.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to Mississippi Valley State University, Head Coach  
44 LaFayette Stribling, Assistant Coaches Harvey Wardell and D'Jamel  
45 Jackson, and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.