

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH
2 JAMES DREWRY ON HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AND BECOMING THE FIRST
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL COACH IN MISSISSIPPI TO WIN MORE THAN 300 FOOTBALL
4 GAMES.

5 WHEREAS, Coach James Drewry, a native of Booneville,
6 Mississippi, and forty-five year coaching veteran on the gridiron,
7 has experienced a career in coaching that has evolved into one of
8 accolades, honors and prestige; and

9 WHEREAS, on October 15, 2004, Coach Drewry etched his name in
10 Mississippi's sports' history forever, when he coached his 300th
11 career win, to become the only public school coach in Mississippi
12 to attain the milestone; and

13 WHEREAS, having attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College
14 and Delta State College where he held the position of quarterback,
15 Coach Drewry first savored the taste of coaching as a student
16 assistant coach for the 1954 undefeated team at Delta State; and

17 WHEREAS, beginning his professional career as a coach in 1958
18 at Kossuth High School, Coach Drewry coached for 28 years at
19 Kossuth High School (1958-1960 and 1978-1986), Brandon High School
20 (1960-1965) and Booneville High School (1965-1978) before retiring
21 in 1986 to pursue a private business venture; and

22 WHEREAS, with an unwavering passion and love for the game,
23 Coach Drewry returned to the sidelines in 1989 as head coach for
24 Tishomingo High School and ultimately returned to Booneville High
25 School in 1990 where he continues to grace the sidelines during
26 football season; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout his career of forty seasons on the
28 gridiron, Coach Drewry has led his teams to an overall 306-138-5
29 record, with 230 of the wins achieved while at Booneville; and

30 WHEREAS, Coach Drewry has to his fame, three 2-A State
31 Championship titles, six championship visits and twelve playoff
32 berths, all of which have made it possible for him to take his
33 rightful place in Mississippi's sports' history and the history of
34 Booneville High School; and

35 WHEREAS, Coach Drewry's winning drive and exhilaration
36 transcends regular season football, allowing him the privilege of
37 having served as head football coach of the Mississippi All-Star
38 Game in 1987, as assistant coach, head coach and administrative
39 coach of the Mississippi-Alabama Shriners All-Star Classic in
40 Mobile in 1996, 1998 and 2000 respectively; and

41 WHEREAS, his honors include having been: Tombigbee Coach of
42 the Year for 1967, 1969 and 1978; District 1 Coach of the Year for
43 1985; inducted into the 1992 class of the Mississippi Coaches Hall
44 of Fame; selected Daily Journal All-Area Coach of the Year and
45 Daily Corinthian All-Area Coach of the Year for 1999; State 2-A
46 Coach of the Year for 1999 and 2000; inducted into the 2000 Delta
47 State University Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame; tapped as one of
48 eight coaches in the nation as a 2001 NFHS South Section Coach of
49 the Year; selected for the 2003 All-American Football Foundation
50 Gerald R. Ford All-American High School Coach Award; honored by
51 the City of Booneville in 2004 with the renaming of a street as
52 Jim Drewry Drive in his honor; and

53 WHEREAS, Coach Drewry along with assistant coaches, Mike
54 Maddox and Rick Coggins, have superbly coached and inspired the
55 Booneville team and broadened the players' knowledge and sharpened
56 their skills in the game; and

57 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Coach Drewry, who is a member
58 of First Baptist Church of Booneville, has had the constant
59 support of his family: Edna, his wife of 42 years; sons, Barry

60 and Steve; and four grandchildren, Lauren Kate, Morgan, Meagan and
61 Nate; and

62 WHEREAS, Coach Drewry's exhibition of superior coaching has
63 proven successful as evidenced by the great accomplishment of
64 meeting and surpassing the state record for career wins by a
65 football coach in Mississippi's public schools; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
67 commend excellence in the accomplishments of such an outstanding
68 Mississippian and coach as Coach James Drewry, whose rise to the
69 top will always be remembered:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
72 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
73 accomplishment of Coach James Drewry on becoming Mississippi's
74 first and only public high school football coach to win more than
75 300 games and extend our wishes for continued success in all his
76 future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to Coach James Drewry, Booneville High School and
79 members of the Capitol Press Corps.