

By: Representatives Rogers (61st),  
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH WOODY  
2 BARNETT OF PEARL HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIS CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND  
3 UPON HIS SELECTION AS 2004 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Woody Barnett, athletic director and track  
5 coach at Pearl High School, who has compiled an impressive career  
6 record of 2,298 wins, only 162 losses and 31 state championships  
7 since beginning his coaching career with the Pearl Public School  
8 District 27 years ago, was recently tapped by the National  
9 Federation of State High School Associations as 2004 National  
10 Coach of the Year in the sport of boys cross country; and

11 WHEREAS, a graduate of Provine High School, Coach Barnett  
12 received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi  
13 College before commencing his career as an educator and coach at  
14 Pearl High School in 1977; and

15 WHEREAS, in the course of his career, Coach Barnett's  
16 impressive record has garnered much recognition and commendation  
17 in the form of 21 titles as Coach of the Year from the *Clarion*  
18 *Ledger*, Mississippi Association of Coaches and National Federation  
19 of Coaches Association; and

20 WHEREAS, through his years of coaching and conditioning,  
21 Coach Barnett's pursuit of excellence motivated the Pearl Pirates  
22 to run harder and inspired all of his players, and has broadened  
23 their knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
26 recognize and commend excellence in the accomplishments of such an

27 outstanding Mississippian as Coach Barnett, whose rise to the top  
28 is continually in the making:

29         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
31 commend and congratulate Coach Woody Barnett for his many  
32 accomplishments as Coach of the Pearl Pirates Track Team.

33         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
34 furnished to Coach Woody Barnett, Pearl High School and to the  
35 members of the Capitol Press Corps.