

By: Senator(s) Simmons, Clarke

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 600

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE "LADY TROJANS" GIRLS  
3 BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BURNADETTE MCDONALD FOR WINNING THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES STATE  
5 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Delta Community College "Lady  
7 Trojans" Girls Basketball Team, under the direction of Head Coach  
8 Burnadette McDonald, finished the season with a 19-8 overall  
9 record; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans won the college's first Mississippi  
11 Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) State  
12 Championship title in women's basketball since 1940 by defeating  
13 the Northwest Community College Lady Rangers 71-59 in overtime;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Lady Trojans were the first basketball team ever  
16 from MDCC to advance to the National Junior and Community College  
17 Athletic Association Region XXIII Basketball Tournament's "Final  
18 Four" bracket; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Burnadette McDonald is in her sixth year as  
20 Head Coach of the MDCC Lady Trojans. In that time, she has  
21 directed the women's basketball team to one North Division title,  
22 three consecutive appearances in the MACJC State Championship  
23 Tournament and three consecutive appearances in the NJCAA Region  
24 XXIII Championship Tournament. This is a school record. Coach  
25 McDonald was named "MACJC Women's Coach of the Year for 2005;" and

26 WHEREAS, members of the team include: Sophomores:  
27 Vancherrika Mitchell (Cleveland), Latisha Brown (Merigold),  
28 Jazmine Cain (Mound Bayou), Stephanie Boggins (Brandon), Sophia

29 Townsend (Shelby), Shaneeka Hunt (Sidon), Franiesha Johnson  
30 (Coldwater), and Sherelle Shipp (Wilmar, Arkansas); Freshmen:  
31 Jessica Boyd (Gunnison), Angela Allen (Farrell), Jameica Gross  
32 (Memphis, Tennessee), and Marie Gary (Greenwood); and Managers:  
33 Robyne Stout and Cassie Todd; and

34 WHEREAS, Burnadette McDonald was an Assistant Coach for the  
35 Delta State Lady Statesmen under Coach Lloyd Clark for nine years  
36 before coming to MDCC. She is the former standout for the Lady  
37 Statesmen playing for Coach Lloyd Clark from 1984 to 1987. She  
38 was an All-Gulf South Conference pick her senior year after  
39 leading DSU to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals and scoring  
40 1,529 points in her 114-game career. The Madison, Mississippi,  
41 native was also a standout (and Honor Graduate) at  
42 Madison-Ridgeland High School where she earned all-county and  
43 all-metro (Jackson) honors. She was a Mississippi Prep All-Star  
44 at Madison-Ridgeland; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
46 accomplishments of this group of student athletes who have brought  
47 honor to their college, their community and to the State of  
48 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 and congratulate the Mississippi Delta  
52 Community College "Lady Trojans" Girls Basketball Team and Head  
53 Coach Burnadette McDonald for winning the Mississippi Association  
54 of Community and Junior Colleges State Championship, and extend to  
55 them the best wishes of the Legislature for success in their  
56 future athletic and academic endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
58 the Lady Trojans and Coach McDonald and be made available to the  
59 Capitol Press Corps.