

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COACHING CAREER OF  
2 JAMES "BO" COX, RULEVILLE CENTRAL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, AND  
3 CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, when Ruleville Central's new football season rolls  
5 around, it will be without the familiar and undeniable face of  
6 Coach "Bo" Cox on the sidelines. Cox has decided to step down  
7 from his post as a coach and educator; and

8 WHEREAS, his career in the public school system includes  
9 teaching as well as coaching. Cox's coaching career began at  
10 Leland Junior High School (football and track); Rosedale Junior  
11 and High School (football, basketball and track); East Side High  
12 School (football and track); and ended with Ruleville Central  
13 (football). He has helped spearhead a successful program  
14 everywhere he has been; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Cox assisted Head Coach Leland Young, Rosedale  
16 Eagles, win three state championships in 1981, 1985 and 1986. The  
17 Eagles won 40 straight games during that stretch; and

18 WHEREAS, as Head Football Coach at East Side, he guided the  
19 Trojans to the play-off appearances in 1991, 1992 and 1994. The  
20 Trojans compiled a record of 39 wins and 11 losses. His last  
21 season at East Side was an impressive 10-0; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Cox has spent the last nine years at Ruleville  
23 Central, five years as Assistant Coach and four years as Head  
24 Football Coach. He has helped lead the Ruleville Central Tigers  
25 to seven play-off appearances that included two expeditions to the  
26 2A North Half Title games in 1998 and 2001. While at Ruleville

27 Central, the Tigers compiled a record of 25 wins and 10 losses;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Cox was twice named "*Boliver Commercial* Coach of the  
30 Year" in 1994 and 2001. He has coached players who have gone on  
31 to become professional ballplayers - Arena ball and pro ball in  
32 the NFL - Fred Barnett with the Philadelphia Eagles; Tim Barnett  
33 with the Kansas City Chiefs; Ken Lucas and Floyd "Pork Chop"  
34 Womack with the Seattle Sea Hawks and Dorsett Davis with the  
35 Denver Broncos; and

36 WHEREAS, Coach Cox admits that the love of sports, the  
37 students and staff have been the driving force in sustaining 30  
38 years of service to the school systems. He has always had a  
39 passion for being a winner. While a student at Delta State  
40 University, he set two DSU track records and ranked third national  
41 in the 220-yard dash. "The passion of being a winner and doing  
42 your best is a part of who I am and what I have tried to instill  
43 in the many young people's lives that I have touched," said Coach  
44 Cox; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the career of  
46 this individual who has mentored the youth and brought honor to  
47 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the successful coaching  
50 career of James "Bo" Cox, Ruleville Central Head Football Coach,  
51 and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement after 30  
52 years of dedicated service, and extend to him and his wife, Ora,  
53 and family the best wishes of the Senate on his future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 Coach Cox and his family and be made available to the Capitol  
56 Press Corps.