

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COACH JOE B. BRADSHAW AND CONGRATULATING HIM  
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Coach Joe B. Bradshaw, the "winningest coach in the  
5 State of Mississippi," who began his coaching career in 1960 and  
6 has spanned more than 45 years, has announced his retirement; and

7 WHEREAS, born May 21, 1936, the son of a veterinarian and a  
8 nurse, Coach Bradshaw graduated from Macon High School in 1954,  
9 served in the United States Army from 1955-1957, and returned home  
10 to attend Mississippi State University, where he received his  
11 bachelor of science degree in 1961, and his master of education  
12 degree from Delta State University in 1977; and

13 WHEREAS, after having coached in the public school system for  
14 a number of years, Coach Bradshaw joined Strider Academy in 1972,  
15 where he has continued for the past 33 years; and

16 WHEREAS, during the course of those 33 years, in addition to  
17 serving as Headmaster, Coach Bradshaw has served in the capacities  
18 of teacher, head baseball coach, head football coach, head Lady  
19 Rams basketball coach and track coach; and

20 WHEREAS, inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches  
21 Hall of Fame in July 1994 and the Mississippi Private School  
22 Coaches Association Hall of Fame in August 2005, he has proven his  
23 leadership off the fields as well as on, as evidenced by his  
24 having served as past president and member of the MPSA Academy  
25 Activities Commission, Chairman of the Affairs Committee, the  
26 National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Board of

27 Directors of Mississippi Coaches Association and the Executive  
28 Committee of the MPSA; and

29 WHEREAS, a noted speaker among others talents, Coach Bradshaw  
30 has been keynote speaker at coaches clinics at Mississippi State  
31 University, Memphis State, Florida State, Vanderbilt and Northwest  
32 Community College, and has on five occasions addressed the  
33 Athletic Journal Coaches Clinic; and

34 WHEREAS, among his accomplishments as a coach, Coach Bradshaw  
35 has won five State A football championships, nine "Coach of the  
36 Year" titles, coached and assisted the MPSA All-Star teams for 12  
37 years from 1972-1984, won six North Central A titles, five  
38 District 2A championships, one runner-up title for MPSA Overall  
39 Lady Basketball Championship and tied six times for the North  
40 Central A title; and

41 WHEREAS, having inspired many youth through the engagement of  
42 sports and extracurricular activities, Coach Bradshaw, has  
43 conveyed the importance of success through one of his famous  
44 sayings, "And over that," which entails a lifetime of experience  
45 and accomplishments; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
47 recognize the service and contributions of such an outstanding and  
48 giving individual as Coach Bradshaw, whose expertise and  
49 dedication has not gone undetected by his students and colleagues:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
52 commend the successful career and accomplishments of Coach Joe B.  
53 Bradshaw, congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement and  
54 extend our heartiest wishes for continued success in all his  
55 future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
57 furnished to Coach Bradshaw and to the members of the Capitol  
58 Press Corps.