

By: Representative Aldridge

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI MUDCATS FOR WINNING  
2 AGAINST THE PITTSBURGH RIVERRATS IN THE SEASON OPENER OF THE  
3 AMERICAN INDOOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAMS.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Mudcats is a first year franchise;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in their season opener for the American Indoor  
7 Football Association Teams, the Mississippi Mudcats were winners  
8 by 54-34 against the Pittsburgh RiverRats; and

9 WHEREAS, they were also winners as a spectator sport when  
10 5,000 spectators attended the game at the BancorpSouth Arena in  
11 Tupelo for the return of pro sports to that area; and

12 WHEREAS, during the game, Quarterback Tommy Jones threw six  
13 touchdowns, with four scoring passes helping to break open a game  
14 that was tied 28-all at halftime and completed 18 of 32 passes for  
15 268 yards without being intercepted; and

16 WHEREAS, Tommy Jones and Darryl Carter connected for a  
17 three-yard touchdown four plays into the second half for a 35-28  
18 Mudcats lead; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mudcats' victory is credited to the team's  
20 tenacious sportsmanship that "wore out" the offensive line of the  
21 Pittsburgh RiverRats; and

22 WHEREAS, the Mudcats were coached to victory by Head Coach  
23 Brian Brents; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
25 recognize outstanding sportsmanship which promotes professional  
26 athleticism:

27           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
29 commend the Mississippi Mudcats for winning against the Pittsburgh  
30 RiverRats in the season opener of the American Indoor Football  
31 Association Teams.

32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
33 furnished to the Mississippi Mudcats and to the members of the  
34 Capitol Press Corps.