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 Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor,
 Thompson, Watson, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JACKSON STATE
 2 UNIVERSITY HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH TOMEKIA REED FOR BEING
 3 NAMED THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SWAC) COACH OF THE
 4 YEAR FOUR TIMES (THREE CONSECUTIVE) IN HER CAREER, AND BOXTOROW
 5 HBCU NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR THREE TIMES.

6 WHEREAS, Jackson State University Head Women's Basketball
 7 Coach, Tomekia Reed, has realized unprecedented success as the
 8 women's basketball coach for the Tigers, as she has been named the
 9 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year four
 10 times (three consecutive) in her career, and BOXTOROW HBCU
 11 National Coach of the Year three times; and

12 WHEREAS, in her sixth season as head coach of the Jackson
 13 State women's basketball program, Coach Tomekia Reed has led her
 14 program to its fifth consecutive SWAC Regular Season Championship,
 15 something that has never been done in the SWAC; and

16 WHEREAS, as head coach of the Tigers, Coach Reed has never
 17 had a losing record, and the Tigers have recorded its third 20-win
 18 season finishing with an overall record of 26-7; and



19 WHEREAS, Coach Reed opened the 2023-2024 campaign by winning
20 her 100th game at Jackson State, and this season, she has reached
21 108 wins against SWAC opponents and also notched a victory over a
22 Big East opponent after defeating St. John's 60-56 in San Juan,
23 Puerto Rico early in the season; and

24 WHEREAS, last season, Coach Reed and JSU defeated high-major
25 Texas Tech, and the Tigers were ranked top 100 in NCAA national
26 rankings, again, sitting at No. 100 at the conclusion of the
27 season; and

28 WHEREAS, under the tutelage of Coach Reed, Angel Jackson has
29 been nationally ranked in multiple categories, and Jackson is now
30 ranked 10th in the nation in blocked shots and 13th in blocks; and

31 WHEREAS, Coach Reed led the Number 1 defense and Number 3
32 offense in the SWAC this season, and her team leads the SWAC in
33 blocked shots, combined team defensive and offensive rebounds, and
34 team field goal percentage; and

35 WHEREAS, additionally, Coach Reed has led JSU to a 51-game
36 home win streak, and for the first time in program history,
37 Jackson State women's basketball received a vote in the AP Top 25
38 poll under Reed's tenure making them a top 40 team in women's
39 college basketball at the time of the vote; and

40 WHEREAS, Coach Reed will take the stage at the annual Women's
41 Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Convention during the Final
42 Four to do a live drill demonstration/presentation in front of
43 women's basketball coaches around the world, which will be the



44 first time an HBCU coach has done a stage demonstration at the
45 WBCA Convention; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
47 recognize and honor fine Mississippi educators and coaches,
48 especially those such as Coach Tomekia Reed, a remarkable
49 individual and excellent basketball coach who serves as an
50 inspiration to all those who have the opportunity to learn and
51 flourish under her tutelage, bringing glory and honor to Jackson
52 State University, the City of Jackson and the entire State of
53 Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
56 commend and congratulate Jackson State University Head Women's
57 Basketball Coach Tomekia Reed for being named the Southwestern
58 Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year four times (three
59 consecutive) in her career, and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of
60 the Year three times, and extend best wishes for continued success
61 in all her future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Coach Tomekia Reed and to the members of the Capitol
64 Press Corps.

