

Senate Resolution 1140

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Coach Dave Odom upon the occasion of his retirement; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Dave Odom is a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and began his  
4 athletic career as a three-sport standout, serving as captain of his football, basketball, and  
5 baseball squads as a senior at Goldsboro High School; and

6 WHEREAS, he took his talent and love of athletics to Guilford College in the early 1960's,  
7 and there, he was a quarterback on the football team for three years, while also playing on  
8 the basketball team for four years; and

9 WHEREAS, following his college career, he began coaching at his alma mater, Goldsboro  
10 High School while working toward a graduate degree in physical education at East Carolina  
11 University, and he received his master's degree in 1969 and accepted a head coach position  
12 at Durham High School before making his debut on the collegiate coaching scene as assistant  
13 coach at Wake Forest University; and

14 WHEREAS, he left Wake Forest University for a three-year position at East Carolina  
15 University before moving on to coach at the University of Virginia and left that position to  
16 become head coach at Wake Forest University, marking only the second time in ACC history  
17 that an assistant at one school became head coach at another, and finally, he settled at the  
18 University of South Carolina as head coach; and

19 WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina's 90-63 win over Radford University notched  
20 Coach Odom's 400th career win in his 22 years as head coach, with 38 wins at East Carolina  
21 University, 240 at Wake Forest University, and 127 at the University of South Carolina; and

22 WHEREAS, he is the 29th active coach to reach 400 wins and has been recognized as the  
23 winningest-all-time coach in the SEC; and

1 WHEREAS, he was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2004; ACC Coach of the Year in  
2 1991, 1994, and 1995; District Coach of the Year in 1991, 1993, and 1994; and National  
3 Coach of the Year in 1995; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Odom and his lovely wife, Lynn, have two sons, Lane and Ryan; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a devoted family man, a dedicated member of his community, and a  
6 person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity,  
7 intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Dave Odom will be retiring at the end of the 2007-2008 season, and,  
9 during his outstanding career, he has recruited, mentored, and coached hundreds of athletes.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
11 join together to recognize Coach Dave Odom and commend him on his exemplary and  
12 outstanding career in coaching, and extend their sincere wishes for health and happiness in  
13 the future.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and  
15 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Dave Odom.