

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Senators J. Bookout, Faris

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LARRY  
10 LACEWELL.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 OF LARRY LACEWELL.

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17 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell, the winningest coach in Arkansas State  
18 University's football history, recently announced his retirement from the  
19 Dallas Cowboys after 13 years as scouting director under Jimmy Johnson, Barry  
20 Switzer, Dave Campo, Chan Gailey, and Bill Parcells; and

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22 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell began his exceptional football coaching career  
23 at the University of Alabama as a graduate assistant under a fellow Arkansan,  
24 the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant, in 1959; and

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26 WHEREAS, Lacewell's first full-time coaching job was at Arkansas State  
27 University under King Block in 1960. He went on to serve as defensive aide  
28 under Red Parker at Arkansas A & M in 1962, during which time A & M won the  
29 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championship in 1963; and

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31 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell served as the assistant head coach and line  
32 coach under Boyd Converse at Kilgore (Texas) Junior College in 1964,  
33 assistant coach at Wichita State from 1966-1967, and assistant coach at Iowa  
34 State in 1968; and

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36 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell's career continued upward as he was named



1 defensive coordinator at Oklahoma University in 1970 and became assistant  
2 head coach to Barry Switzer in 1973. During the next six years, Oklahoma  
3 owned or tied for six Big Eight Championships, won two national titles, and  
4 had a 37-game undefeated streak; and

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6 WHEREAS, Lacewell rejoined Arkansas State University in 1978, helping  
7 the team go 7-4 and win a share of the Southland Conference crown. ASU  
8 finished the season ranked seventh nationally in total defense and first in  
9 all Southland Conference defensive categories; and

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11 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell was named the Arkansas State University  
12 Indians' head coach in November 1978 and became the University's athletic  
13 director July 1, 1979. During Lacewell's run from 1978-1989, the Indians  
14 advanced to the NCAA I-AA playoffs four straight years from 1984 to 1987 and  
15 played in the 1986 NCAA I-AA national championship game finishing second to  
16 cap a 12-2-1 season; and

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18 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell was named Southland Conference Coach of the  
19 Year in 1985 and 1986 and A.F.C.A. Region 5 coach of the year in 1986; and

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21 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell accumulated an overall record of 69-58-4 at  
22 ASU, and has been inducted into the University of Arkansas at Monticello Hall  
23 of Fame, the ASU Hall of Honor in 1987, and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame;  
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26 WHEREAS, Lacewell not only made tremendous contributions to ASU's  
27 football program but to the entire university community as well; and

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29 WHEREAS, Larry Lacewell produced five (5) All-Americans, twenty-three  
30 (23) Honorable Mention Associated Press All-American picks, a conference  
31 player of the year, and twenty-four (24) all-conference players; and

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33 WHEREAS, in 2004 ASU's athletic department named the football locker  
34 room the Larry Lacewell Locker Room in honor of Lacewell's contributions to  
35 the football program and the development of ASU's athletic programs,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly does hereby  
6 recognize and salute the phenomenal achievements of Larry Lacewell and  
7 congratulates him upon his retirement.

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate of the Eighty-Fifth General  
10 Assembly wishes Larry Lacewell success in all of his future endeavors.

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed  
13 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Jerry Bookout for  
14 presentation to Larry Lacewell.

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