

By: Senator(s) Hall, Harden, Burton, Frazier To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING WALTER REED UPON HIS
2 INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

3 WHEREAS, Walter Lee "Toomsuba" Reed, a distinguished athletic
4 administrator, coach and player who served as Athletic Director at
5 Jackson State University and Florida A&M, was born on September
6 30, 1933; and

7 WHEREAS, Walter Reed attended high school from 1947-1951 at
8 Stevenson Vocational High School in Toomsuba, Mississippi,
9 lettering in football and graduating with honors; and

10 WHEREAS, Walter Reed enrolled at Jackson State University and
11 lettered three years in football and track while making the
12 Jackson State Honor Roll, and received his Bachelor of Science
13 from Jackson State University in 1955, majoring in health,
14 physical education and recreation with a minor in social studies;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, from 1955-1959, Walter Reed served as a
17 teacher/coach and supervision principal at Lawrence, Mississippi,
18 Elementary School and later moved to Forest, Mississippi, where he
19 taught math and social studies and served as an athletic coach at
20 N.H. Pilate School; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1961, Walter Reed earned his master's degree in
22 physical education from Indiana University in Bloomington,
23 Indiana, and in 1965, Reed returned to his alma mater Jackson
24 State as an assistant football coach and head baseball coach,
25 leading the Tigers baseball team to its first winning season in
26 1966; and

27 WHEREAS, Walter Reed returned to East Mississippi in 1966
28 when he was named principal at N.H. Pilate in Newton, and from
29 1967-1970, was a supervisor for adult basic education in Newton
30 Public Schools, receiving the Newton Public Schools Student
31 Teacher of the Year award in 1967; and

32 WHEREAS, Walter Reed's career took a different twist from
33 1971-1973 when he worked for the Greater Miami Legal Services in
34 Miami, Florida, as a practice intern, while receiving his
35 doctorate at the Coral Gables campus of the University of Miami
36 with an outside major in urban studies and human relations, and an
37 inside major in health and phys-ed; and

38 WHEREAS, in 1974, Walter Reed was hired as Director of
39 Intramural Sports and an assistant professor of health, phys-ed
40 and recreation, and in 1997, was named Athletic Director at
41 Jackson State University; and

42 WHEREAS, during Reed's tenure as athletic director, Jackson
43 State achieved numerous sports championships, participated in the
44 NCAA Division 1AA football players and hosted four of those
45 playoff games, and had the first historical black college women's
46 basketball team to participate in the NCAA Division 1A Tournament
47 and to host a tournament playoff game; and

48 WHEREAS, in 1988, Walter Reed was named Athletic Director at
49 Florida A&M, where, during his six-year tenure, the FAMU sports
50 teams won a combined 25 MEAC titles and over two dozen athletes
51 were nationally ranked in NCAA Division 1 stats in baseball, men's
52 and women's basketball, volleyball, football and softball; and

53 WHEREAS, the most noteworthy highlight of Walter's
54 administration skills is the fact that he never operated a deficit
55 program in his entire 17 years as athletic director; and

56 WHEREAS, Walter Reed has served on 27 professional and
57 charitable organizations and has made considerable contributions
58 to amateur athletics; and

59 WHEREAS, although he retired officially from athletics in

60 1994, Walter Reed currently serves on the Board of Directors of
61 the Central Mississippi Chapter for the National Football
62 Foundation and Hall of Fame and the All American Football
63 Foundation; is the chair of the Capital City Football Classic
64 Steering Committee and the Jackson State University Sports Hall of
65 Fame Club; and spends hours working as a volunteer at the
66 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum; and

67 WHEREAS, Walter Reed is married to the former Martha
68 Ducksworth and they have three children, sons Clifton and Walter,
69 and daughter Kathy:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
71 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
72 we do hereby congratulate and commend Walter Lee "Toomsaba" Reed
73 upon the occasion of his induction into the Mississippi Sports
74 Hall of Fame.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Walter Reed and be made available to the Capitol
77 Press Corps.