

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING STEVE "AIR" MCNAIR UPON  
2 HIS OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL CAREER AND FOR LEADING THE TENNESSEE  
3 TITANS TO SUPER BOWL XXXIV.

4 WHEREAS, Steve "Air" McNair, a native of Mount Olive,  
5 Mississippi, led the Tennessee Titans to victories in the American  
6 Football Conference (AFC) playoffs, winning the AFC Championship  
7 Game and a place in the Super Bowl; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair, born on February 14, 1973, played  
9 football for the Pirates of Mount Olive High School, earning  
10 honors such as All-American and All-State; and

11 WHEREAS, regarded as one of the top quarterbacks in college  
12 football history, Mr. McNair played for Alcorn State University,  
13 holding every Alcorn State game, season and career passing and  
14 total offense record; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair is the only player in NCAA history to  
16 gain over 16,000 yards in total offense during his college career,  
17 finishing with a total of 16,823 yards; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair finished his collegiate career with  
19 outstanding statistics such as 928 of 1,673 for 14,496 yards in  
20 passing with 119 touchdowns and added 2,327 yards and 33  
21 touchdowns in 375 rushing attempts; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair earned several awards during his college  
23 football career, including the Walter Payton Award, the Eddie  
24 Robinson Trophy and finished third in the Heisman Trophy race; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. McNair was the first quarterback and  
26 the third overall player selected in the NFL Draft by the

27 Tennessee Titans; and

28 WHEREAS, during his five-year professional football career,  
29 Mr. McNair has proved his outstanding athletic ability with a  
30 strong arm in the air and his explosive running ability on the  
31 ground; and

32 WHEREAS, at age 25, Mr. McNair became the youngest and only  
33 fourth quarterback in franchise history to post 3,000 yard passing  
34 season last year; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair has led all quarterbacks in rushing yards  
36 for the past two seasons and in 1997, he had the third highest  
37 rushing total by a quarterback in NFL history; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair led the Tennessee Titans in their  
39 inaugural season at Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville, Tennessee,  
40 with an all-time best record of 13 wins and 3 losses; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair and the Titans went on to defeat the  
42 Buffalo Bills, the Indianapolis Colts and the Jacksonville Jaguars  
43 in outstanding playoff games, winning the American Football  
44 Conference Championship; and

45 WHEREAS, the Titans then competed in Super Bowl XXXIV on  
46 January 30, 2000, which was the team's first Super Bowl appearance  
47 in club history; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair finished the Super Bowl with 22  
49 completions of 36 attempts for 214 yards and rushed for 64 yards;  
50 and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair has been lovingly supported in all his  
52 athletic endeavors by his family, including his wife, Mechelle,  
53 and their son, Tyler; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
55 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Steve "Air" McNair,  
56 who has displayed courage, strength, character and extraordinary  
57 athletic ability, setting an example to young people across this  
58 state and the nation:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
61 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Steve  
62 "Air" McNair upon his outstanding football career and for leading  
63 the Tennessee Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV and extend our heartiest  
64 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
66 furnished to Mr. Steve "Air" McNair and to the members of the  
67 Capitol Press Corps.