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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI "OLE MISS" REBEL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS
3 OUTSTANDING 1999 SEASON AND ITS FOURTH STRAIGHT BOWL VICTORY.

4 WHEREAS, Les Binkley's 39-yard field goal on the final play
5 of college football in 1999 gave the Ole Miss Rebel Football Team
6 its second straight exciting Sanford Independence Bowl victory and
7 its fourth straight bowl win; and

8 WHEREAS, in Coach David Cutcliffe's first full season as head
9 coach, Ole Miss finished 8-4 and is the only Southeastern
10 Conference Western Division team to advance to a bowl game the
11 last three years; and

12 WHEREAS, the Rebels, who closed out the regular season with
13 three-point losses to Georgia and Mississippi State after leading
14 late in the game, beat Oklahoma 27-25 in the New Year's Eve bowl
15 game, despite a record-setting performance by Oklahoma's
16 quarterback Josh Heupel; and

17 WHEREAS, Ole Miss' premier football player is Deuce
18 McAllister, who set a Mississippi record for all-purpose yards
19 during the regular season, scored two touchdowns in the
20 Independence Bowl, finished the game with 121 yards rushing,
21 caught a 25-yard TD strike from quarterback Romero Miller, set an

22 Independence Bowl record with an 80-yard TD run, had three catches
23 for 55 yards and had 63 yards on kick returns, his last return
24 setting up the Rebels' game-winning drive; and

25 WHEREAS, McAllister, a 6-1, 220-pound junior from Morton,
26 Mississippi, has announced that he will be returning for his
27 senior season with the Rebels, thereby passing on an early entry
28 into the National Football League and jump-starting efforts by Ole
29 Miss to present McAllister as a serious candidate for next year's
30 Heisman Trophy, stating "When I signed my scholarship, I wanted to
31 help get something started as far as bringing back a lot of the
32 tradition that Ole Miss enjoyed in past years, and that's the
33 direction we're headed"; and

34 WHEREAS, Ole Miss was ranked 22nd in the final AP and USA
35 Today/ESPN football polls as a result of its outstanding season
36 and bowl finale, making the final AP ranking for the 20th time,
37 more than any other Mississippi team; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this fine
39 group of student athletes who have brought such honor to their
40 university, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate Coach David Cutcliffe and
44 the University of Mississippi Ole Miss Rebel Football Team for its
45 outstanding 1999 Regular Season, its exciting victory in the
46 Sanford Independence Bowl and its record setting fourth straight
47 bowl victory, and wish them continued success in their athletic,
48 scholastic and future life endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 Coach Cutcliffe and the 1999 Ole Miss Rebel Football Team, and
51 forwarded to the Athletic Director and Chancellor of the
52 University of Mississippi and the Board of Trustees of State

53 Institutions of Higher Learning, and be made available to the
54 Capitol Press Corps.