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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 535

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 NATIONALLY RANKED MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY BULLDOG FOOTBALL  
3 TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING 1999 SEASON AND ITS PEACH BOWL VICTORY.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Bulldogs defeated the Clemson  
5 Tigers in the exciting Peach Bowl victory; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs tied a school record with 10 victories  
7 in a season; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs finished with a 10-2 record and as the  
9 highest nationally ranked football team in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs finished 13th in the Associated Press  
11 poll and 12th in the USA Today/ESPN poll; and

12 WHEREAS, the never-say-die Bulldogs closed out the season  
13 with a thrilling come-from-behind Egg Bowl victory over the Ole  
14 Miss Rebels; and

15 WHEREAS, the Egg Bowl victory was characteristic of the way  
16 the "cardiac" Dogs thrilled fans throughout the season with their  
17 heart-stopping fourth quarter rallies; and

18 WHEREAS, the tenacious Bulldog defense finished the year as  
19 the nation's No. 1 team in total defense; and

20 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were televised nine times during the  
21 1999 season, and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Jackie Sherrill was named a semifinalist for  
23 National Coach of the Year and was named GTE Region II Coach of  
24 the Year; and

25 WHEREAS, Defensive Coordinator Joe Lee Dunn was named a  
26 finalist for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top

27 assistant coach; and

28 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the Mississippi  
29 State Bulldogs who have brought recognition and honor to the  
30 university, the community and the State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
33 we commend and congratulate the Mississippi State University  
34 Bulldog Football team for its outstanding 1999 season, its Peach  
35 Bowl victory and its national ranking.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 presented to Coach Jackie Sherrill and the MSU Bulldog Football  
38 team and forwarded to the Athletic Director and President of  
39 Mississippi State University and the Board of Trustees of  
40 Institutions of Higher Learning.