

By: Hamilton, Browning, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 535
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.