

By: Michel, Gordon, Smith, Farris, Frazier, To: Rules
Hamilton, Burton, Dearing

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 582
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WORLD
2 FAMOUS PGA GOLFER FROM MERIDIAN, EDDIE "THE LITTLE PRO" MERRINS,
3 UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS
4 OF 2000.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame have unveiled the historic Class of 2000 of the
7 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, with induction ceremonies to be
8 held on Friday, March 10, 2000, in Jackson; and

9 WHEREAS, the MSHOF Class of 2000 features world famous PGA
10 golfer from Meridian, who is the most accomplished golf instructor
11 in the world, Eddie "The Little Pro" Merrins, whose golf
12 achievements are a matter of record:

13 JUNIOR RECORD:

14	Jaycee National Junior Champion	1950
15	Mississippi State Junior Champion	1948, 1949
16	Mississippi State High School	
17	Champion, Meridian High	1948, 1949, 1950
18	Medalist in Western Junior	1951
19	Qualified USGA Junior	1949-1950
20	Qualified Jaycee National Junior	1948, 1949, 1950
21		1951

22 COLLEGE RECORD AT LSU:

23	Southern Intercollegiate Champion	1953
24	SEC Individual Champion	1953, 1954
25	Third Place, Southern	
26	Intercollegiate Tournament	1954
27	Second in NCAA Championships	1952
28	Third in NCAA Championships	1954
29	Led LSU to the SEC team titles	1953, 1954

30	AMATEUR RECORD:	
31	Mississippi State Amateur Champion	1950, 1953, 1955
32	Western Amateur Champion	1955
33	Gulf Coast Open Champion	1954
34	New Orleans Invitational Champion	1954
35	Colonial Invitational Champion,	
36	Memphis, TN	1955
37	Second Place in Southern Amateur	1951
38	Qualified USGA Amateur	1952, 1953, 1954
39		1955
40	PROFESSIONAL RECORD:	
41	April 25, 1957 at Lake Charles, LA	
42	to present date	
43	Member of PGA of America	1961 to present
44	Golf Professional at Bel-Air	
45	Country Club, Los Angeles, CA	1962 to present
46	Yorktown Open, Yorktown, PA	1958
47	Metropolitan PGA Championship,	
48	Long Island, NY	1961
49	Southern California PGA Medal	
50	Play Championship	1974, 1975
51	Long Island Open PGA Championship	1962
52	Second in Southern California	
53	PGA (match)	1964
54	Second in Southern California	
55	PGA (medal)	1972
56	Qualified USGA Open	1957, 1961, 1965
57		1966, 1967, 1968
58		1971, 1973
59	Qualified PGA Championship	1962, 1963, 1967
60		1968, 1969, 1971
61	Qualified PGA Club Pro	
62	Championship	Competed 7 times
63	Fourth in Beaumont, TX, PGA Open	1962
64	Second in "Little Crosby"	1975
65	U.S. Open	Competed 8 times

66	PGA Championship	Competed 6 times
67	PGA Club Pro Championship	Competed 6 times
68	Los Angeles Open	Competed 13
69		times
70	Bing Crosby Pro-Am	Competed 14
71		times
72	Southern California PGA Stroke	
73	Play Championship	Competed 2 times
74	Player of the Year, Southern	
75	California	1970
76	Professional of the Year,	
77	Southern California	1977
78	COURSE RECORDS:	
79	62 Medinah Country Club #3,	
80	Medinah, IL	1962
81	64 Corona National Golf Club,	
82	Corona, CA	1969
83	62 Bel-Air Country Club,	
84	Los Angeles, CA	1970
85	16 Holes in One on various courses	
86	COACHING:	
87	Golf Teacher of the Year,	
88	Southern California	1987
89	Member of Golf Digest Teaching Panel	1974-1978
90	Member of Golf Magazine Teaching	
91	Panel	1978 to present
92	Author of <u>Swing the Handle, Not the</u>	
93	<u>Clubhead</u>	1973, Simon &
94		Shuster, pub.
95	Author of <u>Golf for the Young</u>	1981
96	Coach of UCLA Golf Team	1975-1989
97	NCAA Coach of the Year	1985

98	Pac 10 Coach of the Year	1982, 1983, 1985
99	Coach of Pac 10 Conference Golf	
100	Champions at UCLA	1982, 1983, 1985
101	Coach of NCAA Champion UCLA Bruins	1988
102	Guest Instructor of Italian Golf	
103	Federation	1980, 1981, 1982
104	Guest Instructor of French Golf	
105	Federation	1981
106	Guest Instructor of European	
107	Teaching Congress	1990
108	Organized the Joe Novak Pro-Am at	
109	Bel-Air CC, Los Angeles, CA	15 years
110	Organized the Friends of	
111	College Golf	1978 to present
112	Member of People to People	
113	Committee	1970 to present
114	Asst. Professional, Merion Golf	
115	Club, Ardmore, PA	1957, 1958, 1959
116	Head Professional, Rockaway	
117	Hunting Club, Cedarhurst, NY	1960, 1961
118	Teaching Professional, Westchester	
119	Country Club, Rye, NY	1962
120	Head Professional, Bel-Air Country	
121	Club, Los Angeles, CA	1962 to present
122	<u>Golf</u> Magazine's Top 100 Golf Pros	1990 to present
123	ED MERRINS' HALL OF FAME MEMBERSHIPS:	
124	PGA Hall of Fame	Inducted 1989
125	Southern California PGA Hall of Fame	Inducted 1990
126	NCAA Coaches Hall of Fame	Inducted 1992
127	UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame	Inducted 1996
128	Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame	Inducted 2000;
129	and	

130 WHEREAS, since 1962, he has been the head professional at
131 Bel-Air CC, where he instructs seven days a week; some of his
132 celebrity "pupils" include the late George C. Scott, the late Bing
133 Crosby, Jerry West, Tom Harmon, Pete Sampras, Joe Dean (A.D. at
134 LSU), former Mississippi Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery,
135 George Bryan of Bryan Foods in West Point, and Steve Winn of the
136 Beau Rivage Hotel and Casino in Biloxi; and

137 WHEREAS, Eddie and his wife Lisa have two sons, Michael Lee
138 Merrins and Mason H. Merrins:

139 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
140 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
141 we do hereby commend and congratulate world famous PGA golfer from
142 Meridian, Eddie "The Little Pro" Merrins, upon his induction into
143 the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2000, and wish him
144 continued success in his sport and future endeavors.

145 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be

146 presented to Eddie Merrins at induction ceremonies and be made

147 available to the Capitol Press Corps.