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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 618
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY STAR FRESHMAN BASKETBALL FORWARD,
3 LATOYA THOMAS, FOR HER STUNNING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS, TEAM RECORDS
4 AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE 1999-2000 SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, 6-foot-2 star freshman basketball forward, LaToya
6 Thomas, has led the Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team to the best
7 season in school history; and

8 WHEREAS, LaToya was a Parade All-American, and earned state
9 player of the year honors twice at Greenville High School, and
10 could have played for any of the game's traditional girls
11 basketball powers, but chose to remain in her native state and has
12 made an immediate impact at Mississippi State University; and

13 WHEREAS, LaToya broke the following individual records during
14 the 1999-2000 Lady Bulldog season: most free throws made in a
15 season (142); most free throws attempted in a season (281); best
16 scoring average by a freshman (21.0); most points by a freshman
17 (672); best field-goal percentage by a freshman (57.0); most
18 blocks by a freshman (32); and most games played in a season (tied
19 record); and

20 WHEREAS, she received the following individual awards and
21 honors during the 1999-2000 Lady Bulldog season: First Team
22 All-SEC; Most Valuable Player, Mississippi State Classic; SEC
23 Freshman of the Year; Most Valuable Player, SEC Tournament; AP
24 All-SEC First Team (Unanimous); AP SEC Newcomer of the Year
25 (Unanimous); Sports Illustrated for Women Freshman of the Year;
26 espn.com Rookie of the Year; Kodak All-District; Women's
27 Basketball Journal Freshman of the Year; Women's Basketball

28 Journal fourth team All-America; U.S. Basketball Writers
29 Association Freshman of the Year; and Kodak All-America; and
30 WHEREAS, LaToya has made an immediate difference in the Lady
31 Bulldogs this season, which saw the Lady Bulldogs break numerous
32 team records, including best start, consecutive wins, wins in a
33 season, points in a season, free throws in a season, attendance,
34 most players on academic honor roll, first appearance in SEC
35 Championship game and first NCAA Tournament win; and

36 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas exemplifies the Lady Bulldog team
37 spirit to continuously strive to improve and work harder, and it
38 is with great pride that we recognize the leadership and
39 individual honors which this student athlete has brought to her
40 school, her 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 star Mississippi State
44 basketball forward LaToya Thomas of Greenville, Mississippi, for
45 her stunning individual awards, team records and career
46 achievements made during the Lady Bulldogs 1999-2000 season, the
47 best season in school history, and wish her continued success in
48 her future athletic and academic endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 presented to LaToya Thomas and SEC Coach of the Year Sharon
51 Fanning on behalf of the team, be forwarded to the President of
52 Mississippi State University, and be made available to the Capitol
53 Press Corps.