

By: Harden, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 634  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 MELVIN I. EVANS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO JACKSON STATE  
3 UNIVERSITY AND TO HIS COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Melvin I. Evans has had a stellar career in  
5 education, having served as Chair of the Department of Health,  
6 Physical Education and Recreation at Jackson State University for  
7 the past 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of Jackson State University  
9 will host a "Banquet/Roast" in honor of Dr. Evans on Monday, May  
10 8, 2000, and will establish a scholarship in his honor; and

11 WHEREAS, his career has spanned over 45 years and he has  
12 contributed immensely to his profession, church and community at  
13 large; and

14 WHEREAS, he holds a B.S. degree from Allen University, a  
15 Master's degree from Springfield College and a Doctorate from  
16 Oklahoma State University, he received certification from Yale  
17 University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry as a Drug  
18 Educator, the University of Georgia as a Specialist in Alcoholism,  
19 and Rutgers University in Comprehensive Health, and his  
20 professional experiences include: instructor, department chair  
21 and assistant athletic coach, Sterling High School, Greenville,  
22 S.C.; instructor, Physical Education, Health, General Science and  
23 athletic coach, Howard High School, Georgetown, S.C.; Chairman and  
24 Athletic Director, Department of Physical Education and  
25 Recreation, Choppe High School, Georgetown, S.C.; Assistant  
26 Professor of Physical Education, head track coach, head football

27 coach, and head basketball coach at Allen University; Dean of Men,  
28 Allen University; Acting Chair, Department of Physical Education  
29 and Recreation, Maryland State College; and Administrative  
30 Assistant to Director of Student Union and Assistant to the Dean  
31 of Students (graduate assistant), Oklahoma State University; and

32 WHEREAS, Mel belongs to or has been a member of the following  
33 professional and academic associations or organizations: Life  
34 Member, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and  
35 Recreation; Mississippi Alliance for Health, Physical Education  
36 and Recreation, National Recreation and Park Association;  
37 Mississippi Recreation and Park Association; National Therapeutic  
38 Recreation Society; Society of Park and Recreation Educators;  
39 National Education Association; American Association of Colleges  
40 for Teacher Education; American Association of Educators;  
41 Mississippi Association of Teacher Educators; American College of  
42 Sports Medicine; Phi Delta Kappa; Ethnic Minority Society of the  
43 National Recreation and Park Association; Jackson State University  
44 Higher Education Association; Association for the Study of  
45 Afro-American Life and History; American Association of University  
46 Professors, university representative to the American Council of  
47 Teacher Educators and Phi Delta Kappa; current or past nonteaching  
48 professional assignments and activities include:

49 Secretary-Treasurer, Optimist International, Jackson, Mississippi;  
50 Board of Directors, Mississippi International Ballet; Board of  
51 Directors, Jackson Police Athletic Association; Chairman, Jackson  
52 Pan-Hellenic Council; Executive Committee, Mississippi  
53 International Ballet Competition, President Clinton Branch NAACP;  
54 Chairman, Board of Directors, Mississippi Federal Credit Union;  
55 Chairman Protem Board of Stewards and Sunday School Teacher, Allen  
56 Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church; Former Polemarch,  
57 Jackson Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Life  
58 Member; Chair Ethnics Minority Council; Chair, Board of Directors,  
59 Hinds County Federal Credit Union; Corporate Secretary First  
60 Commerce Savings and Loan; Member of the Board of Directors for  
61 the Tri-County Chapter of Big Brother/Big Sister; President, East  
62 Mississippi Conference Lay Organization, Faculty Athletics  
63 Representative to the Southwestern Athletics Conference (SWAC) and

64 the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA); Mel has  
65 co-authored two books and has written numerous articles in  
66 professional journals; and

67 WHEREAS, Mel has received numerous awards for outstanding  
68 achievement as a professional, a churchman and a social activist;  
69 he has been Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Educator of the Year  
70 and Coach of the Year in football and track and field; he has  
71 received the C.D. Henry Award from the America Alliance for  
72 Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Dance, the Honor  
73 Award from the Southern District of the Alliance for Health,  
74 Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and the Honor Award from  
75 the Mississippi Alliance; he has been honored by many  
76 organizations including his Alma Mata, Certificate of Appreciation  
77 and Athletics Hall of Fame, Kappa Alpha PSI Kappa Man of the Year,  
78 Optimist International Outstanding Club President and Lt.  
79 Governor; Clinton NAACP Outstanding Civic Award, and Salutation  
80 from the Garden Club of Jackson; he is a sought-after speaker not  
81 only in the professional area but also in the religious arena; he  
82 has been a certified basketball and football official in the  
83 states of South Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and  
84 Mississippi; and

85 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
86 contributions of this individual who has brought honor to his  
87 institution, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

88 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
89 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
90 we do hereby join the faculty of Jackson State University in  
91 commending and congratulating Dr. Melvin I. Evans for 30 years of  
92 service to Jackson State University and to his community, and wish  
93 him continued success in his future endeavors.

94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
95 presented to Dr. Evans and his family, and be forwarded to the  
96 President of Jackson State University and be made available to the

97 Capitol Press Corps.