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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STEVE "AIR" MCNAIR UPON HIS
2 OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL CAREER AND FOR LEADING THE TENNESSEE TITANS
3 TO SUPER BOWL XXXIV.

4 WHEREAS, Steve "Air" McNair, a native of Mount Olive,
5 Mississippi, led the Tennessee Titans to victories in the American
6 Football Conference (AFC) playoffs, winning the AFC Championship
7 Game and a place in the Super Bowl; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair, born on February 14, 1973, played
9 football for the Pirates of Mount Olive High School, earning
10 honors such as All-American and All-State; and

11 WHEREAS, regarded as one of the top quarterbacks in college
12 football history, Mr. McNair played for Alcorn State University,
13 holding every Alcorn State game, season and career passing and
14 total offense record; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair is the only player in NCAA history to
16 gain over 16,000 yards in total offense during his college career,
17 finishing with a total of 16,823 yards; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair finished his collegiate career with
19 outstanding statistics such as 928 of 1,673 for 14,496 yards in
20 passing with 119 touchdowns and added 2,327 yards and 33
21 touchdowns in 375 rushing attempts; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair earned several awards during his college
23 football career, including the Walter Payton Award, the Eddie
24 Robinson Trophy and finished third in the Heisman Trophy race; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. McNair was the first quarterback and
26 the third overall player selected in the NFL Draft by the

27 Tennessee Titans; and

28 WHEREAS, during his five-year professional football career,
29 Mr. McNair has proved his outstanding athletic ability with a
30 strong arm in the air and his explosive running ability on the
31 ground; and

32 WHEREAS, at age 25, Mr. McNair became the youngest and only
33 fourth quarterback in franchise history to post a 3,000-yard
34 passing season last year; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair has led all quarterbacks in rushing yards
36 for the past two seasons and in 1997, he had the third highest
37 rushing total by a quarterback in NFL history; and

38 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair led the Tennessee Titans in their
39 inaugural season at Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville, Tennessee,
40 with an all-time best record of 13 wins and 3 losses; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair and the Titans went on to defeat the
42 Buffalo Bills, the Indianapolis Colts and the Jacksonville Jaguars
43 in outstanding playoff games, winning the American Football
44 Conference Championship; and

45 WHEREAS, the Titans then competed in Super Bowl XXXIV on
46 January 30, 2000, which was the team's first Super Bowl appearance
47 in club history; and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair finished the Super Bowl with 22
49 completions of 36 attempts for 214 yards and rushed for 64 yards;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair has been lovingly supported in all his
52 athletic endeavors by his family, including his wife, Mechelle,
53 and their son, Tyler; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
55 Steve "Air" McNair, who has displayed courage, strength, character
56 and extraordinary athletic ability, setting an example to young
57 people across this state and the nation and has brought honor to
58 his university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

60 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Steve
61 "Air" McNair upon his outstanding football career and for leading
62 the Tennessee Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV and extend our heartiest
63 wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 presented to Steve "Air" McNair and made available to the members
66 of the Capitol Press Corps.