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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LONG-TIME FOOTBALL
2 WRITER JIMMIE MCDOWELL FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS BERT
3 MCGRANE AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, long-time Football Writers Association of America
5 member and Northside Sun columnist Jimmie McDowell claimed the
6 organization's prestigious Bert McGrane Award and was honored at
7 the annual awards banquet and breakfast recently; and

8 WHEREAS, McDowell, the president of the All-American Football
9 Foundation and still a sports writer, at one time attended 45
10 consecutive FWAA annual meetings before missing the meeting in
11 Tempe, Arizona, last year; he has served on various FWAA
12 committees and still helps select past coaches for the
13 association's citation awards; and

14 WHEREAS, McDowell, a 1949 graduate of Ole Miss, has won
15 various writing and college football awards and has been an
16 officer in numerous organizations, including the FWAA; and

17 WHEREAS, the McGrane Award has been given in the name of the
18 former FWAA executive director each year since 1974, it is
19 presented annually to a member of the FWAA for recognized
20 distinguished service to the organization; and

21 WHEREAS, McDowell was the sports editor-columnist of the
22 Jackson Daily News, the Jackson State Times, and the Meridian Star
23 in Mississippi, the executive sports editor-columnist of the
24 Trenton (NJ) Times and the executive sports editor-columnist of
25 the Memphis Commercial Appeal; and

26 WHEREAS, McDowell, who writes a sports column for Mississippi

27 papers, was the executive director of the National Football
28 Foundation and Hall of Fame in New York for 21 years after being
29 the director of public relations and administrator of chapters for
30 the foundation for six years; and

31 WHEREAS, he was also director of athletic publicity at the
32 University of Southern Mississippi for four years (1951-1955); and

33 WHEREAS, a native of Brookhaven, McDowell was sports editor
34 and columnist of the Leader starting at the age of 14; he is a
35 veteran of World War II serving in the North Atlantic and
36 Mediterranean Theaters of Operation; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
38 accomplishments of this sports editor who has brought honor to his
39 university, his profession and to the State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate long-time
42 football writer Jimmie McDowell for being awarded the prestigious
43 Bert McGrane Award presented by the Football Writers Association
44 of America, and wish him continued success in his future
45 endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
47 presented to Jimmie McDowell and be made available to the Capitol
48 Press Corps.