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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MARVIN
2 TERRELL, ALL AMERICAN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN FOR THE OLE MISS REBEL
3 FOOTBALL TEAM IN THE 1950S WHO PLAYED ON AFL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS,
4 UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS
5 OF 2001.

6 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
7 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2001 of the Mississippi
8 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Marvin Terrell, the superb
9 offensive lineman who was an All-American for the late 1950s Ole
10 Miss Rebel football teams and played on the American Football
11 League (AFL) championship teams with the Dallas Texans and the
12 Kansas City Chiefs; and

13 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record:
14 outstanding football lineman who played for championship Ole Miss
15 Rebel football teams and AFL Champion teams with the Dallas Texans
16 and Kansas City Chiefs; Marvin "Boy" Terrell was born in West
17 Memphis, Arkansas, but considers Indianola his home town since he
18 was raised in the Delta town. At Indianola High School, Terrell
19 bloomed into an outstanding two-way lineman. His prep career
20 spanned the mid-fifties from 1952 to 1955. The team captain was
21 an All Delta Valley Conference player in 1954 and 1955. In his
22 senior year of 1955, Marvin was selected to the All-State team and
23 was named a Wigwam Wiseman High School All-American. He played in
24 the 1956 Mississippi High School All-Star game after signing with
25 MSHOF member Johnny Vaught to attend college at Ole Miss. Terrell
26 played freshman football for MSHOF member Wobble Davidson and also
27 participated on the track team in weights from 1957-59. Marvin
28 lettered in football at Ole Miss in 1957, 1958 and 1959, and
29 played on three of the school's most famous teams. The Rebels
30 compiled a record of 28 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie during this era.
31 The 1959 team finished 10-1 and was declared National Champions by
32 the Berryman, Billingsley, Dunkel and Sagarin polls. Sagarin
33 named the 1959 Rebel squad as the third best all-time college
34 football team in a poll released in 1996. The Rebs were listed
35 behind the 1995 and 1971 Nebraska teams. The sole loss in 1959
36 was the famed 7-3 game in Baton Rouge to LSU and Billy Cannon's
37 Heisman run, but Marvin and his teammates exacted revenge in the
38 21-0 shutout in the 1961 Sugar Bowl. The 1959 team was also
39 chosen as the SEC Team of the Decade from 1950-59, by the

40 Associated Press. Marvin played in two Sugar Bowls (1958 and
41 1960) and one Gator Bowl (1958) during his days at Ole Miss, all
42 of which were Rebel victories. He was a crushing blocker for
43 Coach Johnny Vaught and was a superb lineman. During his college
44 career, Terrell stood 6'2" and weighed 235 pounds, a massive size
45 for that era in college football. Marvin's impressive list of
46 teammates who are also MSHOF members include Charlie Flowers,
47 Robert Khayat, Jake Gibbs, Doug Elmore, Larry Grantham, Bobby
48 Crespino and Billy Ray Adams. Marvin's Ole Miss coaches also
49 include MSHOF members, Johnny Vaught, Roland Dale and Wobble
50 Davidson. He had an outstanding senior campaign and was named SEC
51 lineman of the week in consecutive games against Arkansas and LSU.
52 Marvin was an easy choice to All-SEC First Team by the Associated
53 Press, UPI and the Birmingham News. He was also tabbed as the
54 Best Blocker and Best Offensive and Defensive Guard in the SEC.
55 The Atlanta Journal Constitution and the Birmingham News named
56 Marvin as the SEC Lineman of the Year. To cap off these honors,
57 Marvin was selected as a First Team All-American by Look magazine
58 and the Football Writers Association of America. Terrell was
59 later placed on the Associated Press All-SEC Team of the Decade
60 for the period of 1950-59. He started in the 1960 Senior Bowl.
61 Marvin was drafted in the second round by NFL Champion Baltimore
62 Colts in 1960. He was also a first round draft choice in the
63 inaugural AFL draft by the Dallas Texans, who were owned by league
64 founder and NFL Hall of Famer, Lamar Hunt. Terrell signed with
65 the fledgling AFL team, thereby becoming one of the historic first
66 groups of AFL signees in 1960. Marvin played left guard for the
67 Dallas Texans in 1960, 1961 and 1962. He remained with the team
68 when owner Lamar Hunt moved the squad to Kansas City taking on the
69 nickname of the Chiefs. As a rookie in a rookie pro league,
70 Marvin began playing behind left guard Sid Fournet, but was a
71 starter by the end of the season. The Dallas team compiled an 8-6
72 record and was second in the AFL's West Division to the Los
73 Angeles Chargers, a team that would eventually feature MSHOF
74 member, WR Lance Alworth. Hampered by injuries, Terrell backed up
75 Fournet in his second pro season as Dallas wound up with a 6-8
76 mark behind the San Diego Chargers in the AFL West. In 1962,
77 Marvin was first team left guard blocking for NFL Hall of Famers,
78 QB Len Dawson and RB Abner Haynes. Led by head coach Hank Stram,
79 the Texans tore through the league racking up an 11-3 mark and
80 winning the AFL Western Division. Dallas faced the defending
81 champion Houston Oilers in the AFL championship game on December
82 23, 1962. The game was played in Jeppesen Stadium in Houston and
83 was the first AFL title contest to be shown on national television
84 by NBC with legendary Curt Gowdy at the microphone. An overflow
85 crowd of 37,981 witnessed the longest game in professional
86 football history at that time, as the game remained tied at 17-17
87 for 77 minutes and 54 seconds, 6 quarters of football.
88 Ironically, Marvin was on the field against Houston's Billy
89 Cannon, the LSU star who had beaten Terrell's Ole Miss team in
90 1959. Marvin's teammate, safety Johnny Robinson, placed with
91 Cannon at LSU. At the end of regulation, Stram told team captain
92 Abner Haynes to tell the officials that Dallas wanted to defend
93 the goal to force Houston to drive against the strong wind in the
94 cold, misty rain. Haynes, however, fumbled the option on the coin
95 toss and told the officials that the Texans would "kick to the
96 clock," meaning that the Oilers would defend the goal Stram
97 wanted. The mistake did not matter, however, as Len Dawson, led

98 by solid blocking by Marvin, drove the Texans into field goal
99 range. Rookie kicker Tommie Brooker then ended the marathon
100 contest with a 25-yard field goal and Dallas has their first AFL
101 title by a 20-17 score. Each winning Texan received \$2,261.80
102 while the losing Oilers picked up an extra \$1,417.09 for the
103 overtime game. "Boy" was named an AFL All-Star along with Texan
104 teammate right defensive tackle Jerry Mays. Marvin suggested the
105 play that led to the winning touchdown in the 1963 AFL All-Star
106 game as QB Frank Tripucka hooked up with fellow Denver Bronco,
107 Lionel Taylor, to clinch the win for the West over the East. In
108 1963, the Texans moved to Kansas City where Terrell played one
109 more season in the AFL for the defending league champions. He
110 consistently bolstered the offensive line. At 24 years old, he
111 played pro ball at 6'2", 261 pounds. Injuries had hampered him in
112 his early years, but his exceptional speed and quickness kept him
113 in the lineup. The Chiefs ended their first season in Kansas City
114 with a 5-7-2 record and third place in the West behind Oakland and
115 San Diego. In 1964, Marvin inked with the Toronto Argonauts in
116 the CFL and played his fifth and final season in professional
117 football. Marvin is also a member of the Ole Miss Athletic Hall
118 of Fame, having been inducted in 1988. He is a member of the Ole
119 Miss Team of the Century, an elite group of All-Star Rebels
120 selected in 1993, to reflect the best players in 100 years of Ole
121 Miss football. Marvin currently resides in Yazoo City and is
122 employed by Yazoo Motor Company. He is married to the former
123 Lettie Gist of Indianola. The Terrells have twin daughters, Julie
124 Trammell of Madison and Jana Bardwell of Yazoo City. They also
125 have two grandchildren; and

126 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
127 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to his university and to
128 the State of Mississippi:

129 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
130 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
131 we do hereby commend and congratulate Marvin Terrell, All-American
132 offensive lineman for the Ole Miss Rebel Football Team in the
133 1950s, who also played on AFL championship teams, upon his
134 induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2001,
135 and wish him and his family continued success in all their future
136 endeavors.

137 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
138 presented to Marvin Terrell at induction ceremonies to be held on
139 March 23, 2001, in Jackson, Mississippi, and be made available to
140 the Capitol Press Corps.