

By: Senator(s) Michel, Farris

To:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 565

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
 2 "STONEWALL" JACKSON BRUMFIELD, DEFENSIVE LINEMAN WHO LED SOUTHERN
 3 MISSISSIPPI TO FOOTBALL RECOGNITION IN THE 1950'S AND PLAYED FOR
 4 THE NFL'S SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
 5 MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS 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 "Stonewall" Jackson Brumfield,
 9 the solid defensive lineman who led Southern Mississippi to
 10 football recognition in the 1950's and played for the NFL's San
 11 Francisco 49ers; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Washington Parish and Franklinton,
 13 Louisiana, where he currently resides, he was captain and Most
 14 Valuable Player of his high school team; after graduation from
 15 Franklin High School, Jackson enrolled at Mississippi Southern in
 16 Hattiesburg; the school at that time before the NCAA had numeric
 17 designated divisions was in the college division and known as the
 18 Southerners; he played for the legendary head coach Thad "Pie"
 19 Vann along with assistant coach Clyde "Heifer" Stuart, both of
 20 whom are members of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; Coach
 21 H.A. Smith, who played for the NFL's Chicago Bears, tutored
 22 Jackson in college and taught him defensive line techniques;
 23 Brumfield earned three letters at Southern in 1951, 1952 and 1953;
 24 Jackson also earned three nicknames during his college days; the
 25 Southern Mississippi sports information director at that time was
 26 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame founder and member Jimmie
 27 "Mississippi Red" McDowell, who tagged Brumfield with the moniker
 28 of "Stonewall" Jackson for his rugged line play; many teammates,
 29 coaches and friends still call Jackson by the name of "Brumy" or
 30 "Brummie" to shorten his last name; Coach Vann began to call
 31 Jackson by the "Brumy" nickname during his early days in
 32 Hattiesburg; the 1951 Southern Mississippi media guide lists
 33 Jackson's nickname as being "Pud," a moniker Brumfield acquired in
 34 high school; Jackson and fellow end, Richard Caldwell, were a
 35 formidable combination on the line and wreaked havoc on opposing
 36 offenses; the duo were described as follows: "Caldwell and
 37 Brumfield yield to no end in the South as far as hell-for-leather
 38 style of play is concerned"; Brumfield arrived as a fullback out
 39 of high school but was shifted to defensive end at Southern by
 40 Coach Smith during spring drills in 1950; he played basically on
 41 both ends of the football at 6'-0", 200 pounds, a good size for
 42 his position in the 1950's; he played on the second team as a
 43 freshman, but emerged as the starter for the remainder of his
 44 football career; in Jackson's sophomore year, the Southern team

45 had a 6-5 record, but showed firepower on offense with some close
46 contests during the season; Jackson's 1952 Southern team finished
47 10-2, losing only to Alabama and to Pacific in the Sun Bowl;
48 Brumfield was a defensive force and the Southerners' offense
49 complimented the team by scoring plenty of points; in a November
50 22, 1952, match-up with Louisville in Jackson at the old Hinds
51 Memorial Stadium, Brumfield leveled the Cardinal's 210 pound
52 fullback, Jim Williams, and star quarterback, Johnny Unitas, to
53 pace his team to a 55-26 win; as a rising sophomore, Jackson was
54 mentioned as a Little All-American on defense, despite playing
55 second team most of the season; he also attracted early attention
56 from pro football scouts for his play; the 1953 Sun Bowl loss to
57 Pacific by 26-7 in El Paso, Texas, was the school's first
58 appearance in any bowl game; Brumfield was on the squad with
59 fellow Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame members such as Hugh Laurin
60 Pepper and Bucky McElroy; "Brumy" was shifted from offense to
61 defense, but continued to play both ways; as he entered his senior
62 campaign, Jackson had bulked up to 6'-2", 220 pounds and was a
63 superb lineman; Jackson's final year at Southern Miss was a
64 milestone as he was named team captain and the Southerners
65 compiled a record of 9 wins and only two losses: Memphis State
66 and to Texas Western (UTEP) in the 1954 Sun Bowl; in the season
67 opening game against Alabama in Montgomery, Brumfield disrupted
68 the Tide offense and executed crushing blocks on offense to help
69 the Southerners upset the defending SEC champions by a 25-19
70 score; later in the season, the Southerners played the Georgia
71 Bulldogs in Hinds Memorial Stadium in Jackson; Georgia was led by
72 quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, who would eventually play for Green
73 Bay and was averaging three touchdown passes a game; before a
74 standing room only crowd of 25,000, Brumfield and the Southern
75 Miss defense shut out the high scoring Bulldogs 14-0; "Stonewall"
76 remained in the Georgia backfield all afternoon and harassed
77 Bratkowski to complete only four passes while throwing four
78 interceptions; the upsets over SEC powers Alabama and Georgia were
79 two of the biggest upsets in school history and centered national
80 attention on Hattiesburg; the large crowd assisted in expansion of
81 the stadium which is now known as Mississippi Veterans Memorial
82 Stadium; turnovers marred Brumfield's final game for Southern
83 Mississippi as UTEP beat his squad 37-14 in the second consecutive
84 bowl trip for the school; despite the early looks from pro scouts,
85 Jackson was not selected in the NFL draft; instead, he signed a
86 free agent contract with the San Francisco 49ers at the urging of
87 Niners Coach Joe Vetrano, who also attended Southern; he entered
88 the 49er summer camp in 1954 as an unheralded and almost unknown
89 talent, but he quickly impressed the coaching staff and his new
90 teammates; he nailed down the starting right defensive end
91 position and was the most aggressive San Francisco lineman; rookie
92 Brumfield continued to punish opposing veteran NFL linemen; he
93 would finish his first 1954 NFL season as Defensive MVP of the
94 squad; he wore No. 86 on the 49ers team, a progressive number as
95 he was No. 85 at Southern Miss, and he later adopted No. 87
96 playing in the military league; Jackson lined up with and against
97 a host of 49er teammates that would later be enshrined into the
98 Pro Football Hall of Fame; Brumfield's Who's Who of NFL Hall of
99 Famers included QB Y.A. Tittle, RB Joe "The Jet" Perry, RB Hugh
100 "The King" McElhenny, RB John Henry Johnson, and linemen such as
101 Neo Nomellini and Bob St. Clair; key injuries broke early momentum
102 for the 1954 49ers as Tittle, McElhenny and Perry were lost at
103 various times of the season; Perry gained over 1,000 yards
104 rushing, the first player in the NFL to achieve the feat in
105 consecutive seasons; ironically, the 1954 season would be
106 Jackson's last in the NFL as he joined the Armed Services;
107 Brumfield played military football while a member of an artillery
108 unit out of Fort Sill, Oklahoma; he played for an Army team in
109 1955 and 1956 and was named to the All-Army Squad; Jackson's
110 athletic career ended abruptly in 1957 when he injured his

111 shoulder playing baseball in an independent minor league; upon
112 completion of service to his country, Jackson entered the coaching
113 ranks; he guided the South Terre Bonne High School football team
114 for 11 years in Houma, Louisiana; after coaching his team to close
115 playoff finishes, Brumfield left coaching and returned to
116 Franklinton where he now operates S&M Fertilizer; his wife's name
117 is Mary Louise and they have three daughters: Sheila, Jackie and
118 Jewel; "Brumy" is a proud grandfather to six grandchildren; and

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

122 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
123 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
124 we do hereby commend and congratulate defensive lineman
125 "Stonewall" Jackson Brumfield upon his induction into the
126 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2001, and wish him and
127 his family continued success in all endeavors.

128 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
129 presented to Jackson at induction ceremonies and be made available
130 to the Capitol Press Corps.