SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  587

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BARBARA A. (SUE) ROSS OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

WHEREAS, Barbara A. (Sue) Ross will be inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on March 19, 2001, in Salina, Kansas, in conjunction with the national Junior College Women's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ross was born and reared in Gautier, Mississippi, the daughter of Odom and Pansy Ross (deceased), attended Gautier Grammar School, and graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1953, where she played varsity basketball, received a work scholarship to attend Perkinston Junior College (Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College) where she earned her A.S. Degree, received a B.S. Degree from Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi) in Health, Physical Education & Recreation in 1957 and received an M.S. Degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation in 1964; and

WHEREAS, she began her teaching career in 1957, teaching health and physical education at Hartman Junior High School at Houston, and returned to M.G.C.C.C. in 1960 as a health and physical education teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ross retired from M.G.C.C.C. 31 years later with many wonderful memories and experiences, including coaching the following championship teams: Volleyball--MAEACW State Championship 1969; Women's Tennis--Mississippi Junior College
Conference Championships 1967/1968; Women's Basketball--MAEACW
Championship 1968; MAEACW Junior College Division Championship and
Overall State Championship 1971; MAEACW State Junior College
Championship 1972; AIAW National Invitational Junior College
Tournament at Delta College, Bay City, Michigan, 1973; Runner-up
in AIAW National Junior College Tournament at Delta College, Bay
City, Michigan; Mississippi Association of Junior Colleges South
Division Championship, Mississippi Association of Junior Colleges
Overall State Championship, the NJCAA Region 7 Championship in
Cleveland, Tennessee, and the consolation bracket of the NJCAA
National Tournament in Overland Park, Kansas, 1977; and
WHEREAS, from 1967 through 1979, her basketball coaching
record was 184 wins and 85 losses; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Ross served as Representative for District 3 of
the AIAW from 1971 through 1975; and
WHEREAS, she was a member of the selection committee for the
1974 U.S. World University Games Women's Basketball Team and
Coaches; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Ross served as an assistant women's basketball
coach for the South Team at the first National Sports Festival
held in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and
WHEREAS, she served as an NJCAA representative to the ABAUSA,
which selected players and coaches for national, international and
Olympic women's basketball competition; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Ross served on the NJCAA Women's Basketball
Committee, Women's Tennis Committee and the Slow-pitch Softball
Committee; and
WHEREAS, in 1979 she transferred to the Mississippi Gulf
Coast Community College Jackson County Campus as Intramural
Director and Instructor of Health and Physical Education classes
and retired in 1991 in her hometown of Gautier; and
WHEREAS, in 1999 Ms. Ross was inducted as an inaugural member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the accomplishments and career of this Mississippian who has brought honor to her community, her college and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Barbara A. (Sue) Ross of Gautier, Mississippi, upon the occasion of her induction into the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and wish her and her family continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Ross and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.