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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OLE MISS  
2 "REBELS" BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SEC WEST TITLE AND  
3 FOR ADVANCING TO ITS FIRST-EVER NCAA TOURNAMENT SWEET 16  
4 APPEARANCE.

5 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss "Rebels" Boys Basketball Team has  
6 enjoyed its best-ever season, cruising to a 27-8 overall record,  
7 an 11-5 SEC mark and the SEC Western Division crown, which was Ole  
8 Miss' third in the last five years; and

9 WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi team, which was ranked  
10 No. 14 in the *Associated Press (AP)* Top 25 poll and No. 13 in  
11 *ESPN/USA Today* Top 25 poll, advanced to the SEC Championship Game  
12 against Kentucky; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rebels were an at-large entry into the NCAA  
14 Tournament and advanced to its first-ever NCAA Tournament Sweet 16  
15 appearance and met No. 4 Arizona in the Midwest Regional  
16 semifinals on Friday, March 23, 2001, losing 65-55 in a very  
17 hard-fought game, televised by CBS; the Rebels were the No. 3  
18 seed, while Arizona was the No. 2 seed in the Regional tournament;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, this was a tough basketball team mentally and  
21 physically; the Rebels had court savvy and don't beat themselves;  
22 they weren't afraid of the game's blue-collar aspects, such as  
23 defense and rebounding; tough man-to-man was the team's calling  
24 card; and

25 WHEREAS, Center Rahim Lockhart, the leading scorer and  
26 rebounder, was a first-team All-SEC pick; Freshman forward, Justin  
27 Reed, was chosen the league's top rookie player; there was plenty

28 of firepower at the guard positions with David Sanders, Jason  
29 Holmes and Aaron Harper, and veteran leadership at the point with  
30 Jason Flanigan and Jason Harrison; and

31 WHEREAS, the team was led by Coach Rod Barnes, who was named  
32 the 2001 Naismith National Men's Coach of the Year and also SEC  
33 Coach of the Year; and

34 WHEREAS, the Rebels team roster is as follows: STARTERS:  
35 G-David Sanders (6-3, So.) 7.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg; G-Jason Holmes (6-5,  
36 Sr.) 6.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg; G-Jason Flanigan (6-1, Sr.) 7.3 ppg, 3.0  
37 rpg, 2.2 apg; F-Justin Reed (6-8, Fr.) 11.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg; F-Rahim  
38 Lockhart (6-8, Sr.) 12.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 1.4 bpg; KEY RESERVES:  
39 F-Aaron Harper (6-7, Fr.) 9.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 2.0 apg; G-Jason  
40 Harrison (5-5, Jr.) 7.8 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 3.0 apg; and G-Emmanuel Wade  
41 (6-3, So.) 4.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg; and

42 WHEREAS, the Rebel's Statistical Leaders are as follow:

43	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>FT%</u>	<u>3P%</u>
44	Rahim Lockhart	13.0	55.4	47.8	0.0
45	Justin Reed	11.0	47.8	56.4	13.0
46	Aaron Harper	9.2	35.2	75.0	35.4

47	<u>REBOUNDS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
48	Rahim Lockhart	282	8.1	14
49	Justin Reed	205	5.9	13
50	Jason Flanigan	107	3.1	6

51	<u>ASSISTS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
52	Jason Harrison	104	3	8
53	Jason Flanigan	76	2.2	6
54	Aaron Harper	70	2	7

55	<u>FOULS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>DGL</u>
56	Rahim Lockhart	120	3.4	5
57	Justin Reed	105	3	2
58	David Sanders	78	2.2	3

59 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
60 outstanding accomplishments of this group of student-athletes, who

61 have made the 2000-2001 season so exciting for all Mississippians,  
62 and who have brought honor to the University of Mississippi and to  
63 the State of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
65 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
66 2000-2001 University of Mississippi "Ole Miss Rebel" Basketball  
67 Team and Coach Rod Barnes for winning the SEC Western Division  
68 crown and for advancing to its first-ever NCAA Tournament Sweet 16  
69 appearance, and wish this team continued success in future seasons  
70 and in their academic and career endeavors.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
72 presented to the Ole Miss Basketball Team, Chancellor Robert  
73 Khayat on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of  
74 Higher Learning, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.