

By: Senator(s) Michel, Lee, Dearing,  
Furniss, Thames, Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EARL  
2 LEGGETT, ALL-STAR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN FROM HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
3 WHOSE NFL CAREER SPANNED SEVERAL DECADES, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO  
4 THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF  
5 2002.

6 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports  
7 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2002 of the 40th  
8 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, which features Earl  
9 Leggett, All-Star defensive lineman who played at Hinds Community  
10 College and Louisiana State University before launching an NFL  
11 career that spanned several decades; and

12 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: born in  
13 Palatka, Florida, near Jacksonville, Florida, Earl was an athletic  
14 sensation at Jacksonville's Robert E. Lee High School; attended  
15 Hinds Junior College from 1951-1954 where he was a JUCO All  
16 American; member of the Eagles team that defeated El Camino CC in  
17 the "Little Rose Bowl" in 1954; played at LSU from 1955-1956; UPI  
18 and AP First Team All SEC tackle in 1955; played in the Blue-Gray  
19 Game, the Senior Bowl and the Chicago All-Star game; first round  
20 draft choice of the Chicago Bears in the 1957 NFL draft; member of  
21 the "Monsters of the Midway" defense for nine years; played in the  
22 1963 NFL championship game against the New York Giants, a 14-10  
23 win by the Bears; played one season with the Los Angeles Rams and  
24 the "Fearsome Foursome" in 1966; concluded his twelve-year playing  
25 career with the New Orleans Saints; famed defensive line assistant  
26 coach in the NFL who roamed the sidelines for teams at Seattle,  
27 San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Denver, New York and  
28 Washington; coached in three Super Bowls, two with Oakland and one



29 with Denver; taught NFL All Pro players such as Lyle Alzado and  
30 Howie Long; member of three athletic Halls of Fame, including  
31 Hinds Community College, Jacksonville, Florida, and the National  
32 Junior College Hall of Fame; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Earl Leggett, All-Star  
39 defensive lineman from Hinds Community College whose NFL career  
40 spanned several decades, upon his induction into the 40th  
41 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and  
42 wish him and his family continued success in all their future  
43 endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
45 presented to Earl Leggett at induction ceremonies to be held on  
46 April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available  
47 to the Capitol Press Corps.

