SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572


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

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

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this outstanding athlete who has brought honor to his university 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 Earl Leggett, All-Star defensive lineman from Hinds Community College whose NFL career spanned several decades, upon his induction into the 40th Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and wish him and his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

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