A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GEORGE
SEKUL, HALL OF FAME QUARTERBACK FROM USM AND GCCC, UPON HIS
INDUCTION INTO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF
FAME CLASS OF 2002.

WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
Hall of Fame have unveiled the Class of 2002 of the Mississippi
Sports Hall of Fame, which features George Sekul, Hall of Fame
quarterback and coach who led the University of Southern
Mississippi to a National Small College championship and Gulf
Coast Community College gridiron team to state and national JUCO
titles; and

WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: his record
of wins and losses is unmatched in 20th Century NJCAA football
history; he was the first college coach in Mississippi to
integrate his football team with African American players in 1967;
a Biloxi native who was a super athlete at Notre Dame High; played
at Perkinston Junior College where he was an All-State JUCO
quarterback who received honorable mention All-American honors;
lettered at Southern Miss in 1957 and 1958 where he was an
Honorable Mention Small College All-American; quarterback of the
1958 Southern Miss team that finished 9-0 and claimed the UPI
College Division National Championship; played in the 1959 Senior
Bowl; began his coaching career in Perkinston in 1961 and remained
at Gulf Coast for three decades; led the Gulf Coast Bulldogs to
two national titles (1971 and 1984) and eight Mississippi JUCO
crowns; became the first NJCAA football coach in history to reach
200 wins in 1991; his Gulf Coast teams compiled a record of
204-75-5; enshrined in six other athletic Halls of Fame,
including: City of Biloxi (1966), Southern Mississippi (1968),
Gulf Coast Chapter of the NFFHOF (1974), National JUCO Athletic
Association Hall of Fame (1996), Gulf Coast Athletic Hall of Fame,
and Gulf Coast CC Alumni Hall of Fame (2000); and the field house
at Gulf Coast CC is named in his honor; 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 George Sekul, Hall of Fame
quarterback from the University of Southern Mississippi and Gulf
Coast Community College, 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 George Sekul at induction ceremonies to be held on
April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available
to the Capitol Press Corps.