

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hewes, Cuevas,
Dearing, Farris, Dickerson, Lee, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 573

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

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

12 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: his record
13 of wins and losses is unmatched in 20th Century NJCAA football
14 history; he was the first college coach in Mississippi to
15 integrate his football team with African American players in 1967;
16 a Biloxi native who was a super athlete at Notre Dame High; played
17 at Perkinston Junior College where he was an All-State JUCO
18 quarterback who received honorable mention All-American honors;
19 lettered at Southern Miss in 1957 and 1958 where he was an
20 Honorable Mention Small College All-American; quarterback of the
21 1958 Southern Miss team that finished 9-0 and claimed the UPI
22 College Division National Championship; played in the 1959 Senior
23 Bowl; began his coaching career in Perkinston in 1961 and remained
24 at Gulf Coast for three decades; led the Gulf Coast Bulldogs to
25 two national titles (1971 and 1984) and eight Mississippi JUCO
26 crowns; became the first NJCAA football coach in history to reach
27 200 wins in 1991; his Gulf Coast teams compiled a record of
28 204-75-5; enshrined in six other athletic Halls of Fame,



29 including: City of Biloxi (1966), Southern Mississippi (1968),
30 Gulf Coast Chapter of the NFFHOF (1974), National JUCO Athletic
31 Association Hall of Fame (1996), Gulf Coast Athletic Hall of Fame,
32 and Gulf Coast CC Alumni Hall of Fame (2000); and the field house
33 at Gulf Coast CC is named in his honor; and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby commend and congratulate George Sekul, Hall of Fame
40 quarterback from the University of Southern Mississippi and Gulf
41 Coast Community College, upon his induction into the 40th
42 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and
43 wish him and his family continued success in all their future
44 endeavors.

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

