

By: Senator(s) Michel, Johnson (38th),  
Blackmon, Dawkins, Walls, Dearing, Frazier,  
Farris, Horhn, Simmons, Harden, Jackson,  
Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 576

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LATE T.B. ELLIS, JR.,  
2 THE "FATHER OF JACKSON STATE ATHLETICS", UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
3 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTION INTO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS  
4 HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2002.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports  
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2002 of the Mississippi  
7 Sports Hall of Fame, which features the late T.B. Ellis, Jr.,  
8 longtime coach and athletic director and the "Father of Jackson  
9 State University Athletics"; and

10 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: the man  
11 from Jackson regarded as the "Father of Jackson State Athletics";  
12 longtime coach and athletic director for Tiger sports programs  
13 from 1946 until his retirement in 1977; served as head coach for  
14 football, basketball and baseball at JSU; guided Jackson State's  
15 entry into the SWAC; Tiger athletic teams won SWAC titles in  
16 football, baseball, basketball, golf, cross country, indoor and  
17 outdoor track under Coach Ellis' supervision; JSU athletic teams  
18 won 18 conference championships while Ellis served as athletic  
19 director; also a member of the Jackson State, SWAC and the  
20 National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors Hall of  
21 Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
23 outstanding coach and athletic director who brought honor to his  
24 university and to the State of Mississippi:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
27 we do hereby commend and congratulate the late T.B. Ellis, Jr.,  
28 longtime coach and athletic director and the "Father of Jackson



29 State University Athletics," upon his posthumous induction into  
30 the 40th Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of  
31 2002, and wish his family continued success in all their future  
32 endeavors.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
34 presented to the family of T.B. Ellis, Jr., in induction  
35 ceremonies to be held on April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg,  
36 Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

