SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 576


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

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

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this outstanding coach and athletic director who 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 the late T.B. Ellis, Jr., longtime coach and athletic director and the "Father of Jackson State University Athletics".
ST: T.B. Ellis, Jr., the "Father of Jackson State Athletics"; commend for posthumous induction into MS Sports Hall of Fame.