

By: Senator(s) Michel, Dearing, Frazier,
Walls, Harden, Furniss, Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 577

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LATE VERNON BIGGS,
2 ALL-AMERICAN DEFENSIVE LINEMAN WHO PLAYED IN THE 1973 SUPER BOWL,
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS POSTHUMOUS INDUCTION INTO THE 40TH
4 ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS 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 posthumous induction of
8 Vernon Biggs, the superb defensive lineman who was an All-American
9 for the Jackson State Tigers from 1961-1965 and played in the 1973
10 Super Bowl for the Washington Redskins; and

11 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: Moss Point
12 native who was one of Mississippi's best defensive ends; played
13 for Moss Point High School, Jackson State, and NFL teams with the
14 New York Jets and Washington Redskins; All-SWAC and All-America
15 player who was a four-year starter for the Jackson State Tigers
16 from 1961-1965; played in the 1965 Chicago All-Star game against
17 NFL Champion Cleveland Browns; third round draft choice of the
18 AFL's New York Jets and coached by NFL Hall of Famer Weeb Ewbank;
19 teammate of MSHOF member Larry Grantham and NFL Hall of Fame
20 players QB Joe Namath and WR Don Maynard; starter on the defensive
21 line for the Jets from 1965-1970; member of Jets World
22 Championship team that defeated the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl
23 III in 1969; named to the All-AFL team from 1965-1969 and played
24 in AFL All-Star games in 1967, 1968 and 1969; signed with George
25 Allen's "Over the Hill Gang" at Washington in 1971 and started for
26 the Redskins from 1971-1975; made the All-AFL team in 1972; member
27 of 1973 Super Bowl VII Washington Redskin squad that lost to the
28 undefeated Miami Dolphins by a 14-7 score; retired after 1975 due



29 to knee injury; inducted into the Jackson State Athletic Hall of
30 Fame in 1990; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
36 we do hereby commend the late Vernon Biggs, All-American Defensive
37 Lineman, Jackson State University, who played in the 1973 Super
38 Bowl, upon the occasion of his posthumous induction into the 40th
39 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and
40 wish his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
42 presented to the family of Vernon Biggs at induction ceremonies to
43 be held on April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made
44 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

