

By: Senator(s) Michel, Smith, Farris,
Dearing, Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 578

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SAMYE
2 JOHNSON, THE FIRST PERSON TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI
3 SPORTS HALL OF FAME FOR THE SPORT OF VOLLEYBALL.

4 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
5 Hall of Fame has unveiled the 40th Anniversary Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame Class of 2002, which features Samye Johnson,
7 outstanding volleyball player and coach who played at MSCW and
8 coached teams at East Texas State, Mississippi University for
9 Women and Mississippi State University; and

10 WHEREAS, her sports career is a matter of record: born in
11 Jackson, Mississippi, but raised in Mendenhall, Mississippi,
12 described by Mississippi State Athletic Director Larry Templeton
13 as "one of the crown jewels of Mississippi State athletics"; she
14 is the first person to be inducted into the Mississippi Hall of
15 Fame for the sport of volleyball; a basketball and track star at
16 Mendenhall Attendance Center, she participated in volleyball,
17 basketball, swimming and badminton at MSCW (now known as MUW); led
18 MSCW to the first National Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament
19 in 1970 and State championship; returned to her alma mater from
20 1979-1994 where she guided MUW Blues to state titles in volleyball
21 and softball; guided MUW softball, volleyball and basketball
22 squads to NCAA tournaments appearances; coached Mississippi State
23 Lady Bulldog volleyball team from 1994-1997; only the 19th coach
24 in college volleyball history to reach the 500th win mark in 1996;
25 and successful sports administrator still serving MSU as Assistant
26 Athletic Director; and



27 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
28 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to her university and to
29 the State of Mississippi:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate Samye Johnson, outstanding
33 volleyball player and coach, upon her induction into the 40th
34 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and
35 wish her and her family continued success in all their future
36 endeavors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
38 presented to Samye Johnson at induction ceremonies to be held on
39 April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available
40 to the Capitol Press Corps.

