

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BOB
2 STEVENS, HALL OF FAME HIGH SCHOOL COACH AND HANDBALL PLAYER, UPON
3 HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF
4 2003.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2003 of the Mississippi
7 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Bob Stevens, Hall of Fame High
8 School Coach who played football at Southern Mississippi and was
9 considered one of the top handball players in the area; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Stevens was born in McComb, Mississippi and
11 raised in Hazlehurst, Mississippi where he was four-sport
12 letterman; and

13 WHEREAS, Stevens was a Two-way, All-State football lineman at
14 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. Mr. Stevens played offensive and
15 defensive tackle for Southern Mississippi after serving in the
16 Navy during World War II. He was coached by Mississippi Hall of
17 Fame member Reed Green and played on college teams that compiled a
18 14-6 record, head football coach at Pass Christian and Meadville
19 before arriving at Jackson Central where he also served as head
20 basketball coach, he led Central hoops and gridiron teams to city
21 titles and Big Eight Championships, and was head football coach at
22 Murrah High where he lead his teams to city crowns and bowl
23 appearances; and

24 WHEREAS, his football teams compiled a record of 141-73-9
25 during his coaching career; and

26 WHEREAS, Stevens was an acclaimed handball player captured
27 singles and doubles championships 14 times in a decade that
28 spanned 1961-1979, he won Masters Doubles titles in a host of



29 southern cities and competed in the national tournament in Miami,
30 Florida, in 1979; and

31 WHEREAS, Bob's induction will mark his fourth athletic hall
32 of fame membership including the Southern Mississippi Sports Hall
33 of Fame (1987), the Mississippi Association of Coaches (1995), and
34 the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Hall of Fame; and

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend and congratulate Bob Stevens, Hall of Fame
41 High School Football and Basketball Coach who played football at
42 Copiah-Lincoln and Southern Mississippi, and was considered one of
43 the top handball players in the area, upon his induction into the
44 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2003, and wish him and
45 his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 Bob Stevens at induction ceremonies to be held on April 4, 2003,
48 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol
49 Press Corps.

