

By: Senator(s) Michel, Little, Dearing,  
Gollott, Scoper, Gordon, Smith, King, Chaney

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.

