

By: Senator(s) Michel, Browning, Burton,  
Chaney, Dearing, Frazier, Little, Nunnelee,  
Scoper, Smith

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

