

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WARNER ALFORD,
2 OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR AND CO-CAPTAIN OF THE SEC AND
3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS AT OLE MISS, UPON HIS
4 INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 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 Warner Alford, outstanding
8 Athletic Administrator and Co-Captain of the SEC and National
9 Championship Football Teams at Ole Miss; and

10 WHEREAS, All-America and All-Big Eight Lineman from McComb
11 High School, Warner was also All-Big Eight in basketball and
12 track; he played Left Guard for Ole Miss between 1958 and 1960,
13 which featured the greatest teams in school history; and

14 WHEREAS, he was Co-Captain along with Mississippi Sports Hall
15 of Fame member and Quarterback Jake Gibbs of the 1960 Rebel squad
16 that finished 10-0-1, won the SEC Championship and claimed the
17 Football Writers Association of America Grantland Rice Trophy,
18 emblematic of the National title; and

19 WHEREAS, Warner was coached by Mississippi Sports Hall of
20 Fame member Johnny Vaught and was teamed up with a host of Rebel
21 players who are also enshrined in the Mississippi Sports Hall of
22 Fame. He helped Ole Miss compile a record of 29-3-1 during his
23 playing career; and

24 WHEREAS, he served as Assistant Coach at R.H. Watkins High
25 School in Laurel, Mississippi; Davidson College in North Carolina;
26 and Georgia Tech before returning to Ole Miss under Head Coach
27 Billy Kinard as Defensive Line Coach; and



28 WHEREAS, he was named Ole Miss Athletic Director in 1978 and
29 served the school in that capacity for 16 years until 1994.
30 During his tenure, he increased the number of men's and women's
31 sports at Ole Miss and placed emphasis on the graduation rate of
32 student-athletes, was instrumental in renovations to
33 Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, the Doc Knight Fieldhouse, golf and
34 track facilities, oversaw the construction of the Oxford
35 University Stadium Swayze Field Baseball Stadium and the Palmer
36 Tennis Center and served on numerous SEC and NCAA Committees.
37 Warner was inducted into the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame in
38 1999; and

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Warner
44 Alford, outstanding Athletic Administrator and Co-Captain of the
45 SEC and National Championship Football Teams at Ole Miss, upon his
46 induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2003,
47 and wish him and his family continued success in all their future
48 endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 Warner Alford at induction ceremonies to be held on April 4, 2003,
51 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol
52 Press Corps.

