

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

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MILDRETTE "MIDGE"
2 NETTER GRAVES, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER IN TRACK FROM ROSEDALE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL
4 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 Mildrette "Midge" Netter
8 Graves, Hall of Fame Olympic Gold Medal winner from Rosedale,
9 Mississippi, who starred in track at Alcorn A & M (now Alcorn
10 State); and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Mildrette Graves attended West Bolivar High
12 School where she participated in basketball, band, track and
13 cheerleading; and

14 WHEREAS, she was three-time All SWAC and All-NAIA track
15 performer at Alcorn from 1968-1972; and

16 WHEREAS, she was a member of the 4x100 relay team that won
17 the Gold Medal for the United States in the 1968 Summer Olympics
18 in Mexico City, participated on AAU International track team that
19 competed in Norway and Poland in 1968 and 1969, toured as part of
20 the United States European Track and Field Tour between 1969-1970,
21 and was named AAU Regional Outstanding Athlete and Female Athlete
22 of the Year by the 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta, Georgia, in 1969;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mildrette was a superb high school girls track coach
25 for over 25 years at Leland, the Moss Point school system
26 (Magnolia Junior High, Charlotte Hyatt and West Elementary) and
27 Clarksdale; and



28 WHEREAS, she led her girls' track squads to four conference
29 titles, ten district championships, two district runner-up
30 finishes, four North State crowns and two South State banners; and

31 WHEREAS, she was five-time Delta Valley Conference girls
32 track Coach of the Year, two-time Regional Coach of the Year by
33 the National High School Athletic Coaches Association; and she was
34 selected as Olympic torchbearer in 1996 for the Atlanta Summer
35 Olympics, enshrined in the Alcorn State Hall of Honor (1992), the
36 SWAC Hall of Fame (1995), the Alcorn State Athletic Hall of Fame
37 (1996), the Rosedale-West Bolivar High School Hall of Fame (1998),
38 and the Bob Hayes Track Hall of Fame; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
40 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to her 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 Mildrette
44 "Midge" Netter Graves, Olympic Gold Medal Winner in track from
45 Rosedale, Mississippi, upon her induction into the Mississippi
46 Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2003, and wish her and her family
47 continued success in all their future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Mildrette "Midge" Netter Graves at induction
50 ceremonies to be held on April 4, 2003, in Vicksburg, Mississippi,
51 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

