

By: Representatives Perkins, Buck, Clark,
Morris, Robinson (63rd), Smith (27th), Thomas

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIE "SATELLITE" TOTTEN
2 UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

3 WHEREAS, Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) Head
4 Football Coach Willie Totten was inducted into the Mississippi
5 Sports Hall of Fame on April 2, 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, at age 42, Mr. Totten is the youngest inductee in
7 this year's class of honorees and is the first recipient from MVSU
8 to receive this prestigious honor; and

9 WHEREAS, a 1987 graduate of Mississippi Valley State
10 University and the institution's fourteenth head coach, Mr.
11 Totten, who played from 1982-1985 under the leadership of Archie
12 Cooley, set ground-breaking records and put the Delta Devils back
13 on the winners' circuit after a 15-year recession; and

14 WHEREAS, an All-American quarterback, Mr. Totten set numerous
15 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) passing records,
16 some of which still remain unbroken to date; and

17 WHEREAS, by the end of his college football career, Mr.
18 Totten had obliterated most of the NCAA and Southwestern Athletic
19 Conference (SWAC) records, finishing with a career total of 13,170
20 passing yards, 157 touchdowns, completed 952 of 1,629 passes, 11
21 NCAA single-season records, 13 consecutive 300-yard passing games
22 and his number of career touchdowns remain unbroken NCAA records;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, with a four-year professional career in the Canadian
25 and Arena Football Leagues, Mr. Totten made a brief NFL appearance
26 in 1987 as a replacement player for the Buffalo Bills during the
27 players' strike; and

28 WHEREAS, a member of the American Football Coaches
29 Association, the Mississippi High School Athletic Association, the
30 Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,
31 Incorporated, Mr. Totten is married to the former Phaedra Brown of
32 Yazoo City, Mississippi, and they have two daughters, Josta and
33 Trasity; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
35 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as Mr. Totten, whose
36 accomplishments have brought great honor and pride to the state:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Willie
40 "Satellite" Totten on his induction into the Mississippi Sports
41 Hall of Fame and extend our heartiest wishes for continued success
42 in all his future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Mr. Totten and to the members of the Capitol Press
45 Corps.