

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Lee (35th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 559

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 CAROLINA PANTHERS' STARTING TIGHT END KRIS MANGUM OF MAGEE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS APPEARANCE IN THE NFL CHAMPIONSHIP "SUPER
4 BOWL XXXVIII" GAME.

5 WHEREAS, Carolina Panther tight end Kris Mangum (No. 86) of
6 Magee, Mississippi, and his team came tantalizingly close to
7 celebrating at the conclusion of Super Bowl XXXVIII on Sunday,
8 February 1, 2004, but came up short as they were defeated by Kris'
9 father's old team, the New England Patriots, by a close score of
10 32-29; and

11 WHEREAS, the Mangums of Magee, Mississippi, are a football
12 family. Before Kris Mangum, who plays for the Carolina Panthers,
13 there was his older brother, John Mangum, Jr., who played for the
14 Chicago Bears. Before John, Jr., there was Big John Mangum, John,
15 Sr., who played for the old Boston Patriots; and

16 WHEREAS, Kris Mangum carries much family tradition onto the
17 field today when the Panthers played his father's old team, now
18 called the New England Patriots, in the Super Bowl; and

19 WHEREAS, Kris Mangum, 6' 4" tall and 255 pounds, apparently
20 inherited the best of both sides of his family. He got his
21 father's strength and inherited the speed and agility from his
22 mother's side, the Sullivans; and

23 WHEREAS, Kris Mangum's strength and willingness was used to
24 form a big part of the Panthers' success story this season. He
25 was known as a pass-catching tight end at Ole Miss, but he became
26 a dependable blocker in the Panthers' conservative, run-oriented
27 offense. Mangum, who sometimes lines up as a fullback, often
28 leads the blocking for Carolina running star Stephen Davis; and

29 WHEREAS, a receiver and linebacker at Magee High School,
30 Magee, Mississippi, Kris caught 36 passes for 640 yards and 8
31 touchdowns and added 113 tackles, 4 sacks, 2 interceptions and a
32 pair of fumble recoveries as a Senior. His Junior year, Kris was
33 responsible for 36 receptions for 611 yards and 7 touchdowns. His
34 brother, John, a former All-America defensive back at the
35 University of Alabama, was a cornerback with the Chicago Bears.
36 His father, John, also is a product of the SEC, playing at Ole
37 Miss before transferring to Southern Mississippi and playing
38 professionally for the Boston Patriots in 1966 and 1967; and

39 WHEREAS, an All-SEC selection following his Junior (1995) and
40 Senior (1996) seasons, Kris' 36 receptions as a Junior led the SEC
41 and were the most by a Rebels tight end since Wesley Walls first
42 set the mark in 1988. When he graduated, he ranked 14th all-time
43 in receptions at Ole Miss, collecting 74 for 729 yards over 3
44 seasons. As a Senior, Kris ranked second on the team with 29
45 receptions for 264 yards and 2 touchdowns. As a Junior, he
46 started 9 games and caught 36 passes for 391 yards with 2
47 touchdowns. In his first season with the Rebels as a Sophomore
48 transfer (1994), Kris started every game and gained 74 yards on 9
49 receptions. Kris sat out the 1993 season in compliance with NCAA
50 rules after transferring from the University of Alabama where, as
51 a Freshman (1992), he appeared in 8 games, primarily on special
52 teams; and

53 WHEREAS, Kris Mangum was acquired in the seventh round (228th
54 overall) of the 1997 college draft on April 20, 1997; his career
55 highlights are:

- 56 • Hauled in a career-long 35-yard reception
57 versus New Orleans (11/10/02) that set up the
58 Panthers' first touchdown.
- 59 • Established career highs with 10 starts and 2
60 touchdown catches in 2001.
- 61 • Recorded personal bests of 19 catches and 215

62 receiving yards in 2000.

63 • Scored his first NFL touchdown on a 15-yard
64 reception at Kansas City (12/10/00).

65 • Responded with 4 receptions for 56 yards versus
66 St. Louis (12/20/97) in his first NFL start; and

67 WHEREAS, Kris annually participates in the Breakfast of
68 Champions, an event benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society,
69 and has also traveled on the Carolina Panthers Bank of America
70 Caravan Tour. He also participates in the team's annual golf
71 events; and

72 WHEREAS, born Kris Thomas Mangum, Kris majored in Criminal
73 Justice at the University of Mississippi, earning Honor Roll
74 recognition. Kris and his wife, Mary Ellen, have two daughters,
75 Ally Grace and Molly Anne, and live in Charlotte, North Carolina;
76 and

77 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
78 achievements of this professional athlete who has brought honor to
79 his university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
81 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
82 we do hereby commend and congratulate Carolina Panthers' starting
83 tight end Kris Mangum of Magee, Mississippi, upon his recent
84 appearance in the NFL Championship "Super Bowl XXXVIII" game, and
85 extend to him and his family the best wishes of the Legislature on
86 his future athletic and career endeavors.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
88 Kris Mangum and his family and be made available to the Capitol
89 Press Corps.