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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EDDIE
2 KHAYAT, TULANE FOOTBALL STAR FROM MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI, UPON
3 HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF
4 2004.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2004 of the Mississippi
7 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Eddie Khayat, self-made and
8 determined football star from Moss Point, Mississippi, who is a
9 Tulane gridiron legend and had a distinguished 35-year career in
10 pro football as a player and coach; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Moss Point, Mississippi, and older
12 brother of Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame member Robert Khayat,
13 Eddie was a two-way end at Moss Point High School who lettered in
14 football and basketball at Millsaps College as a freshman; and

15 WHEREAS, he walked on at Perkinson Junior College and was a
16 starter on the football and basketball teams before earning a
17 scholarship to Tulane University and playing end for the Green
18 Wave in 1955 and 1956, was a member of the Tulane team that posted
19 the first winning season for the school since 1950 and helped
20 defeat SEC foes, including Alabama, Auburn, Ole Miss and
21 Mississippi State; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Khayat played in 117 NFL games in 10 seasons
23 for the Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles and Boston
24 Patriots; he was starting tackle for the 1960 NFL Champion
25 Philadelphia Eagles that defeated Vince Lombardi's Green Bay
26 Packers; and

27 WHEREAS, he began his 25-year NFL coaching career in 1967
28 with the New Orleans Saints, where he coached Mississippi Sports

29 Hall of Fame member Earl Leggett; he served as Head Coach of the
30 Philadelphia Eagles in 1971 and 1972; other coaching stops in the
31 NFL included the Detroit Lions (twice), Atlanta Falcons, Baltimore
32 Colts, New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Buccaneers; he helped
33 the Patriots reach Super Bowl XX in 1986; he served as Head Coach
34 or General Manager in the Arena Football League for seven years
35 and worked as Head Coach for the New Orleans Night and the
36 Nashville Kats and was named Arena Coach of the Year in 1997 after
37 leading Nashville to the AFL quarterfinals; as General Manager, he
38 helped the Kats reach two consecutive Arena Bowl championship
39 games; and

40 WHEREAS, Coach Khayat was inducted into the Tulane Athletic
41 Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Gulf Coast CC Hall of Fame in 1976
42 and was named to the All-Time Tulane Football Team in 1979 and
43 Tulane All-Century Team in 1993; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
45 outstanding athlete and coach who has brought honor to his
46 community, his university and to the State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate Eddie Khayat, Tulane
50 University football star from Moss Point, Mississippi, upon his
51 induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2004,
52 and wish him and his family continued success in all their future
53 endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Coach Khayat at induction ceremonies, and be made available to the
56 Capitol Press Corps.