

By: Senator(s) Michel, Butler, Chaney,
Dearing, Frazier, Gollott, Gordon, Harden,
Hewes, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
Little, Moffatt

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH
2 LINDY CALLAHAN, NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HALL OF FAME HIGH SCHOOL
3 FOOTBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL, UPON
4 HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF
5 2004.

6 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
7 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2004 of the Mississippi
8 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Lindy Callahan, nationally
9 acclaimed Hall of Fame High School Football Coach and Athletic
10 Director at Gulfport High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Lindy Callahan was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi,
12 and raised in Meridian, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, he played halfback for Mississippi Sports Hall of
14 Fame member Johnny Vaught at Ole Miss and earned three letters in
15 football and two in baseball from 1949-1951; and

16 WHEREAS, he began his 39th year coaching and athletic
17 administration career at Gulfport High School in 1953 when he was
18 hired as an Assistant Coach by Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame
19 member Roland Dale; he served as Head Coach for the Gulfport High
20 School football team from 1955 to 1966 when he was named full-time
21 Athletic Director and served in that capacity until his retirement
22 in 1992. He led Gulfport to state football titles in 1963 and
23 1964 and a winning streak of 42 consecutive Big Eight wins from
24 1961 through 1965, including a 35-game unbeaten team; and

25 WHEREAS, from 1961-1965, he led the Gulfport High School
26 football team to a 46-3-4 record and he was 82-24-5 overall during
27 his coaching career; and

28 WHEREAS, Callahan served as an Assistant Coach in the 1957
29 Mississippi High School All-Star Football game and as Head Coach
30 in the 1961 contest; and

31 WHEREAS, he has attended and supervised 10,000 Gulfport High
32 School athletic events and helped establish the famed Gulf Coast
33 Coaching Clinic, a Mississippi coaching institution; and

34 WHEREAS, Coach Callahan is a nationally recognized athletic
35 coach and administrator who has received numerous awards and
36 honors; he served as President of the Mississippi Association of
37 Coaches and the Mississippi High School Activities Association,
38 was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of
39 Fame in 1977 and the Mississippi High School Activities
40 Association named a scholarship fund in his honor; and

41 WHEREAS, one of only three Mississippians (Callahan, Marvin
42 Reid & Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame member Willie Richardson)
43 to be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.
44 The weight room and the football field at Gulfport High School are
45 named in his honor; and

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

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend and congratulate Coach Lindy Callahan,
52 nationally acclaimed Hall of Fame High School Football Coach and
53 Athletic Director at Gulfport High School, upon his induction into
54 the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2004, and wish him
55 and his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Lindy Callahan at induction ceremonies, and be made available to
58 *The Sun Herald* and to the Capitol Press Corps.