

By: Senator(s) Michel, Butler, Chaney,
Clarke, Dearing, Frazier, Gordon, Harden,
Harvey, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 573

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WILLIE
2 TOTTEN, ACCLAIMED ALL-AMERICAN QUARTERBACK AT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
3 STATE UNIVERSITY, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS
4 HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2004.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2004 Hall of Fame, which
7 features Willie Totten, acclaimed All-American quarterback from
8 Coila, Mississippi, who shattered Southwestern Athletic Conference
9 and National Collegiate Athletic Association records at
10 Mississippi Valley State University; and

11 WHEREAS, with his induction, Willie Totten will become the
12 first Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame member representing
13 Mississippi Valley State University; and

14 WHEREAS, he played football, basketball and baseball at J.Z.
15 George High School in North Carrollton; and

16 WHEREAS, he was four-time All-Southwestern Athletic
17 Conference Quarterback for the Mississippi Valley State University
18 Delta Devils from 1982-1985 and was named Southwestern Athletic
19 Conference Offensive Player of the Year following a magical 1984
20 Delta Devil season; and

21 WHEREAS, Willie Totten was selected First Team All-American
22 in 1984 by Kodak, SBN, *The Sporting News*, BCSR and the Gannett
23 News Services; threw for over 13,000 yards and 141 touchdowns in
24 his college career and broke 36 Southwestern Athletic Conference
25 and 56 National Collegiate Athletic Association passing and
26 scoring records while teaming up with wide receiver Jerry Rice;
27 helped Mississippi Valley State University compile a record of 29-
28 10-1; and

29 WHEREAS, he played in front of the largest crowd to attend a
30 college football game in Mississippi history in 1984 in a 42-28
31 televised loss to Alcorn; and

32 WHEREAS, Willie Totten was drafted by the British Columbia
33 Lions of the Canadian Football League and also played for the
34 Toronto Argonauts and the National Football League's Buffalo
35 Bills; he performed in the Arena Football League for the Chicago
36 Bruisers, Pittsburg Gladiators and New Orleans Night; he coached
37 at Westwood High School in Memphis, Tennessee, Grambling State
38 University in Grambling, Louisiana, and Eastside High School in
39 Cleveland, Mississippi; and served as Assistant Coach and
40 Offensive Coordinator at Mississippi Valley State University
41 before being named Head Coach of the Delta Devils in 2001; and

42 WHEREAS, in the Spring of 1999, Magnolia Stadium at
43 Mississippi Valley State University was renamed "Rice-Totten
44 Stadium" in honor of the passing combination of Totten to Jerry
45 Rice; and

46 WHEREAS, Willie Totten was inducted into the Mississippi
47 Valley State University National Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999 and
48 became a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of
49 Fame in 2000; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
51 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to his university and to
52 the State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
55 we do hereby commend and congratulate Willie Totten, acclaimed
56 All-American quarterback at Mississippi Valley State University,
57 upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Class
58 of 2004, and wish him and his family continued success in all
59 their future endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 Willie Totten at induction ceremonies and be made available to the
62 Capitol Press Corps.