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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 598

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY BULLDOG BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING
3 THE SEC BASKETBALL TITLE AND FOR ADVANCING TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT
4 FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University (MSU) Bulldog
6 Basketball Team won the Southeastern Conference regular season
7 title with an impressive 14-2 conference record; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs clinched the title with a heart
9 stopping 82-81 overtime victory over Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs overcame a 16 point deficit with less
11 than 9 minutes remaining in the game with a tenacious defense and
12 aggressive offense to remain undefeated on the road; and

13 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs became the first MSU team in school
14 history to reach 25 wins during the regular season; and

15 WHEREAS, the "never-say-die" attitude of the bulldogs ignited
16 the enthusiasm of bulldog fans who responded by establishing
17 all-time, single-season attendance records in every category; and

18 WHEREAS, resiliency and dogged determination to win were the
19 hallmarks of this remarkable Bulldog team; and

20 WHEREAS, special honors were garnered by Lawrence Roberts and
21 Timmy Bowers who were selected as first team All-SEC; and

22 WHEREAS, Senior Co-Captain Timmy Bowers completed his career
23 as the all-time winningest player in MSU basketball history with
24 92 career wins; and

25 WHEREAS, Lawrence Roberts was also named SEC Player of the
26 Year and was the school's first AP First Team All-American since
27 Hall of Famer, Bailey Howell; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Rick Stansbury was named SEC Coach of the Year
29 by the Associated Press; and

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Mississippi State
33 University Bulldog Basketball team players: Billy Begley, Errol
34 Bennett, Michael Boler, Timmy Bowers, Dennis Buse, Marcus
35 Campbell, Gary Ervin, Winsome Frazier, Ontario Harper, Terry
36 Licorish, Wesley Morgan, Shane Power, Lawrence Roberts, Dietric
37 Slater, Lincoln Smith, Piotr Stelmach and Branden Vincent,
38 and Coaches: Rick Stansbury, Head Coach, Robert Kirby, Phil
39 Cunningham, and Sam Weaver, Assistant Coaches and Mark White,
40 Coordinator of Men's Basketball Operations, upon winning the SEC
41 regular season title and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the
42 third consecutive year.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 presented to the players and coaches of the Mississippi State
45 University Basketball Team, be forwarded to the President of
46 Mississippi State University and be made available to the Capitol
47 Press Corps.