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(15th), Jackson (32nd), Carmichael, Mettetal,  
Browning, Burton, Chaney, Clarke, Dearing,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 606

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF TOM GOODE,  
2 HEAD FOOTBALL COACH OF EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND  
3 CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Tom Goode, twelfth-year Head Football Coach and  
5 Athletic Director of East Mississippi Community College, is a  
6 former Mississippi State University All-American and National  
7 Football League standout; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of West Point, Mississippi, Goode starred  
9 at Mississippi State University as a Center and Linebacker from  
10 1957-1960, earning Kodak All-American honors following his senior  
11 campaign. A three-time All-Southeastern Conference selection  
12 (1958-1960), Goode capped off his stellar collegiate career with  
13 appearances in three post-season all-star games: the Blue-Gray  
14 Game in 1960 and the Senior Bowl and All-American games of 1961;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, a second-round draft pick of the Houston Oilers of  
17 the American Football League, Goode starred for four seasons as a  
18 Center and Linebacker for the Oilers before moving to the Miami  
19 Dolphins in 1966; and

20 WHEREAS, he was named the Dolphin's Most Valuable Player in  
21 1967, and the team's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 1966  
22 and 1969. He was named All-Pro in 1969 and played in 152  
23 consecutive games during his career, which concluded with a  
24 one-year stint with the Baltimore Colts in 1970. His professional  
25 career ended on a storybook note, as he helped lead the Colts to  
26 victory in Super Bowl V in what was his last professional game;  
27 and

28           WHEREAS, following his playing career, Goode enjoyed a  
29 successful coaching career as an Offensive Assistant at four  
30 Southeastern Conference schools: Mississippi State (1972-1975,  
31 1984-1989), Vanderbilt (1977, 1990), Ole Miss (1978-1982) and  
32 Alabama (1983); and

33           WHEREAS, Goode was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall  
34 of Fame in 1983 and the Mississippi State Hall of Fame in 1976.  
35 He was named the Mississippi Sportsman of the Year in 1974,  
36 elected "Mr. Mississippi State," and was named to Who's Who in  
37 American Colleges and Universities in 1961. In 1996 he received  
38 the All-American Football Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award  
39 and in 1998 he received the All-American Football Foundation  
40 Unsung Hero Award. He has also written an autobiography *Guts, God*  
41 *and the Superbowl*; and

42           WHEREAS, he is married to the former Sonia Foster and the  
43 couple has five children: Less Belk, Sandy May, Tom Goode, Jr.,  
44 Brin Foster and Michael Goode, and seven grandchildren; they are  
45 active members of the Emon Baptist Church and local civic  
46 organizations; and

47           WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the career of  
48 this professional athlete and educator who has brought honor to  
49 his school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

50           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
52 we do hereby commend the professional and educational career of  
53 Tom Goode, Sr., Head Football Coach of East Mississippi Community  
54 College, and congratulate him and his family on the occasion of  
55 his retirement.

56           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
57 Coach Tom Goode and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.