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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ELISHA (ELI)
2 MANNING FOR HIS NO. 1 SELECTION IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
3 DRAFT AND FOR HIS ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS QUARTERBACK FOR THE
4 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI REBELS FOOTBALL TEAM.

5 WHEREAS, Eli was the No. 1 overall selection in the 2004
6 National Football League draft, being chosen by the San Diego
7 Chargers and then traded to the New York Giants, the highest
8 selection ever for any Ole Miss player; and

9 WHEREAS, Ole Miss football has a tradition of sending players
10 to the New York Giants, highlighted by the career of legendary Ole
11 Miss and Giant Quarterback Charlie Connerly; and

12 WHEREAS, the son of former Ole Miss famed quarterback, Archie
13 Manning, and brother of the Indianapolis Colts quarterback, Peyton
14 Manning, Eli has continued the long-standing family tradition of
15 athletic excellence; and

16 WHEREAS, in the 2004 SBC Cotton Bowl Classic, Eli was
17 selected Offensive Player of the Game, and Eli also earned first
18 team All-American honors as well as being named to first team
19 All-SEC; and

20 WHEREAS, Quarterback Eli Manning received the Maxwell Award
21 as the nation's top player, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as
22 the nation's top senior quarterback and the Conerly Trophy as
23 Mississippi's Player of the Year. He was also a finalist for the
24 Heisman trophy, finishing third, was selected as Mississippi's
25 Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Jackson Touchdown Club, was
26 chosen as the 2003 Sports Person of the Year in Mississippi by *The*
27 *Clarion-Ledger*, and received the Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik
28 Leadership Award from the All-America Football Foundation. Eli

29 was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, the SEC
30 Offensive Player of the Year, the Birmingham Monday Morning
31 Quarterback Club's SEC Most Valuable Back and the Touchdown Club
32 of Atlanta Southeast's Top Offensive Back. Eli was named one of
33 the NCAA's Today's Top VIII student-athletes, the highest honor
34 the NCAA presents to student-athletes, and also received the 2003
35 Sporting News Radio Socrates Award, which recognizes a collegiate
36 student-athlete who demonstrates excellence in academics,
37 athletics and citizenship, and was named to the Southeastern
38 Conference Good Works Team; and

39 WHEREAS, Quarterback Eli Manning led the Southeastern
40 Conference in passing average per game (276.9) and total offense
41 (274.8). Quarterback Eli Manning, who set 47 Ole Miss
42 single-game, season and career records became the fifth
43 quarterback in SEC history to throw for 10,000 yards in a career
44 as he finished with 10,119 passing yards, ranking fifth on the
45 SEC's all-time list; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
47 outstanding talents of this truly remarkable athlete and scholar,
48 whose skills and execution has brought great honor and pride to
49 his family, his university and to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Eli Manning for his No. 1
52 selection in the National Football League draft and for his
53 outstanding athletic accomplishments as quarterback for the Ole
54 Miss Rebels Football Team and extend our heartiest wishes for
55 continued success in all his future athletic and professional
56 endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Eli Manning, forwarded to the University of Mississippi and be
59 made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.