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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.