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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING VAN  
2 CHANCELLOR, HALL OF FAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH FROM LOUISVILLE,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL  
4 OF FAME CLASS OF 2005.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports  
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2005 of the Mississippi  
7 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Van Chancellor, Hall of Fame  
8 Women's Basketball Coach from Louisville, Mississippi, who has  
9 guided Harrison Central High School, the Ole Miss Lady Rebels, the  
10 WNBA Houston Comets, and the U.S. Olympic Women's Basketball Team  
11 to championships; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor is a native of Louisville,  
13 Mississippi, who played hoops at Louisville High School and East  
14 Central Junior College (now East Central Community College) at  
15 Decatur, Mississippi, before earning his college degree from  
16 Mississippi State University; and

17 WHEREAS, he coached in the high school ranks at Noxapater,  
18 Horn Lake, and Harrison Central and compiled a record of 638-191,  
19 plus boys and girls state championships at Harrison Central; and

20 WHEREAS, he led the Ole Miss Lady Rebels hoops program for 19  
21 seasons to a record of 439-154, including: 14 NCAA tournament  
22 appearances; NCAA Elite Eights; 5 NCAA Sweet Sixteens; and the  
23 1992 SEC Championship; and

24 WHEREAS, Coach Chancellor is the winningest coach in the  
25 history of the WNBA, as he has paced the Houston Comets to a mark  
26 of 161-79 (18-9 in the playoffs) and the first 4 WNBA league  
27 championships. Under Chancellor, Houston became the only

28 professional sports franchise in the United States in the past  
29 decade to win four straight titles; and

30 WHEREAS, he coached the U.S. Women's Basketball Team to the  
31 2002 FIBA World Championship Gold Medal and the Gold Medal in the  
32 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece; and

33 WHEREAS, Van Chancellor has received numerous coaching honors  
34 including: National Coach of the Year (1992, 2004); SEC Coach of  
35 the Year (1987, 1990, 1992); WNBA Coach of the Year (1997, 1998,  
36 1999); and WNBA All-Star Game Coach (1999, 2000, 2001); and was  
37 selected in 1999 as one of the State's 50 Greatest Sports Figures  
38 by *Sports Illustrated* as he was picked on the elite list at #35;  
39 and

40 WHEREAS, upon his induction to the Mississippi Sports Hall of  
41 Fame in 2005, he will be a member of four athletic halls of fame,  
42 including: the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2001); the Ole  
43 Miss Athletic Hall of Fame (2002); the East Central Community  
44 College Hall of Fame (1998); and the Mississippi Sports Hall of  
45 Fame; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
47 outstanding athlete and coach who has brought honor to his  
48 community, his college and university, and to the State of  
49 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 and congratulate Van Chancellor, Hall of Fame  
53 Women's Basketball Coach from Louisville, Mississippi, upon his  
54 induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2005,  
55 and wish him and his family continued success in all their future  
56 endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
58 Coach Chancellor at the induction ceremony, and be made available  
59 to the Capitol Press Corps.