

By: Senator(s) Michel, Burton, Carmichael,
Chaney, Dawkins, Dearing, Gordon, Harden,
Harvey, Hewes, Hyde-Smith, Jackson (11th),
King, Lee (35th), Little, Pickering, Walls,
Williamson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 539

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING M.K.
2 TURK, RENOWNED HALL OF FAME CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL COACH AT
3 COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LIVINGSTON UNIVERSITY AND THE
4 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
5 MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2005.

6 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
7 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2005 of the Mississippi
8 Sports Hall of Fame, which features M.K. Turk, renowned Hall of
9 Fame Championship Basketball Coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community
10 College, Livingston University and the University of Southern
11 Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Bardwell, Kentucky, Coach Turk was an
13 All-State and All-Conference basketball player at Copiah-Lincoln
14 Junior College and Livingston University from 1960-1964; and

15 WHEREAS, he coached at Cobb County, Georgia, and Livingston
16 University before being named Head Coach at Copiah-Lincoln
17 Community College; from 1968-1974, he led the Wolves hoopsters to
18 consecutive Mississippi Junior College titles in 1972-1973 and
19 1973-1974, an overall record of 117-43, plus national rankings and
20 appearances in the National Junior College Tournament; he was
21 picked as National Junior College Athletic Association Regional
22 Coach of the Year in 1974; and

23 WHEREAS, M.K. Turk coached at Memphis State before being
24 named Head Coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, where
25 he guided the Golden Eagle basketball program to an overall record
26 of 301-266 in his 20 seasons as Head Coach plus 8 post season
27 appearances and national rankings; and

28 WHEREAS, he was the winningest coach in USM history and led
29 the Golden Eagles to back-to-back trips to the NCAA Tournament and
30 the 1987 NIT Championship, the first national hoops crown for any
31 Mississippi Division 1A school; he led Southern Miss to the
32 1990-1991 Metro Conference regular season championship and the
33 1995 Metro Conference Tournament title; and

34 WHEREAS, he was named Coach of the Year by *The Clarion-Ledger*
35 and the Babe McCarthy Tip-Off Club in 1981; he was selected as
36 Metro Conference Coach of the Year in 1986 and NIT Coach of the
37 Year in 1987; and he was also honored as Coach of the Year by the
38 Mississippi Sportswriters Association in 1990 and 1991; and

39 WHEREAS, after induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of
40 Fame in 2005, he will be enshrined in four athletic halls of fame,
41 including the Livingston University Athletic Hall of Fame (1981),
42 the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Sports Hall of Fame (1987),
43 and the Southern Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame (1991); and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
45 outstanding coach who has brought honor to his college, his
46 university and to the State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate M.K. Turk, renowned Hall of
50 Fame Championship Basketball Coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community
51 College, Livingston University and the University of Southern
52 Mississippi, upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall
53 of Fame Class of 2005, and wish him and his family continued
54 success in all their future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Coach M.K. Turk at induction ceremonies, and be made available to
57 the Capitol Press Corps.