

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