

By: Senator(s) Michel, Browning, Dawkins,
Dearing, Gordon, Jackson (11th), Lee (47th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BOBBY
2 RAY FRANKLIN, OLE MISS QUARTERBACK AND HALL OF FAME COACH FROM
3 CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI
4 SPORTS HALL 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 Bobby Ray Franklin from
8 Clarksdale, Mississippi, outstanding quarterback for the Ole Miss
9 Rebels, nationally renowned Hall of Fame Championship Community
10 College Football Coach, and Defensive Back for NFL title teams
11 with the Cleveland Browns; and

12 WHEREAS, Bobby Ray Franklin earned 12 letters in football,
13 baseball and track at Clarksdale High School and was prep
14 All-State and All-American; and

15 WHEREAS, he was an All-SEC Quarterback at Ole Miss, who led
16 the Rebels to a record win of 35-7-1 plus an SEC and National
17 Championship from 1956-1959, was MVP in the 1960 Sugar Bowl and
18 the 1958 Gator Bowl. He was named to the All-Time Sugar Bowl Team
19 for 1960-1970, played in the Chicago All-Star game in 1960 and was
20 an 11th round selection by the Cleveland Browns in the 1960 NFL
21 draft; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Franklin played safety for the Browns and held
23 for NFL Hall of Fame kicker Lou Groza for seven years from
24 1960-1966. He was a member of the 1964 Browns NFL Championship
25 Team, then became Assistant Coach for Georgia Tech, the Dallas
26 Cowboys and Baltimore Colts from 1967-1973. He coached in Super
27 Bowls V and VI with the Cowboys; and

28 WHEREAS, Bobby Ray Franklin has served as Head Coach of the
29 Northwest Community College Rangers from 1981 to present date, has
30 led the Rangers' football program to 24 consecutive winning
31 seasons, 12 North Division titles, 6 Region 23 titles, 6 MS JUCO
32 crowns, 8 bowl games and two JUCO National Championships in 1982
33 and 1992; he ranks in the top 5 nationally among active community
34 college football coaches with a career record of 201-56-6,
35 including a 101-26-2 mark in home games. He coached 65 JUCO
36 All-Americans, including players that have performed in the NFL,
37 CFL and the Arena Football League; and

38 WHEREAS, upon induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of
39 Fame, he will be a member of four athletic halls of fame,
40 including the Ole Miss Athletic Hall of Fame (1988), the Northwest
41 Community College Athletic Hall of Fame (2003), and the National
42 Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame (2005); and

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

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby commend and congratulate Bobby Ray Franklin, Ole Miss
49 Quarterback, NFL Defensive Back and Hall of Fame Coach from
50 Clarksdale, Mississippi, upon his induction into the Mississippi
51 Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2005, and wish him and his family
52 continued success in all their future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Coach Franklin at induction ceremonies, and be made available to
55 the Capitol Press Corps.