

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 545

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOE  
2 IUPE, JR., CHAMPIONSHIP GOLFER FROM CANTON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS  
3 INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2005.

4 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports  
5 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2005 of the Mississippi  
6 Sports Hall of Fame, which features Joe Iupe, Jr., championship  
7 golfer and golf administrator from Canton, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Iupe excelled as an amateur during his high  
9 school, collegiate and post-collegiate career; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Canton, Mississippi, who began playing  
11 golf at age six, led Canton Academy to state golf titles while  
12 winning individual medals. He was Captain of Mississippi State  
13 University Golf Team from 1975-1978 and competed in every round of  
14 golf for the Bulldogs during his college career; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Iupe represented Mississippi in the United  
16 States Golf Association Amateur Championships and played rounds  
17 with PGA pros; and

18 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding amateur golfer who won a  
19 record five MPGA Invitationals. He ended MSHOF member Mike  
20 Taylor's state amateur title streak in 1979, was winner of the  
21 Mississippi "Grand Slam" events that includes the Mississippi  
22 Amateur, the Mississippi Open, the Colonial Invitational and the  
23 Greenwood Invitational; and

24 WHEREAS, despite a serious eye condition, Joe played as an  
25 amateur in three Magnolia Classic tournaments, now known as the  
26 Southern Farm Classic, Mississippi's only PGA event, and won over

27 200 individual and other golf events, including club titles and  
28 four-ball tourneys and held five course records at one time; and

29 WHEREAS, Joe was selected as Mississippi Golfer of the Year  
30 by *The Clarion-Ledger* on five occasions, and was active in the  
31 United States Golf Association and the Mississippi Golf  
32 Association and helped bring the USGA National Championship event  
33 to Mississippi; and

34 WHEREAS, he served as General Manager and Director of  
35 Annadale Golf Club in Madison, Mississippi, from 1993-1998. He  
36 retired from competitive golf in 1995 due to eye disease and was  
37 named Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Jackson Touchdown Club in  
38 1983 and *The Clarion-Ledger* Sports Person of the Year in 1986; and

39 WHEREAS, Joe conducted countless charity golf events over the  
40 years, and was inducted into the Mississippi State Athletic Hall  
41 of Fame in 1989; and

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

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate Joe Iupe, Jr., championship  
48 golfer from Canton, Mississippi, upon his induction into the  
49 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2005, and wish him and  
50 his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
52 Joe Iupe, Jr., at induction ceremonies, and be made available to  
53 the Capitol Press Corps.