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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ED ORGERON, THE 35TH HEAD
2 FOOTBALL COACH IN THE HISTORY OF THE OLE MISS REBELS, AND
3 CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS SUCCESS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA TROJANS, 2004 BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

5 WHEREAS, Ed Orgeron, regarded as one of college football's
6 premier defensive line coaches, was named the 35th Head Football
7 Coach in the history of The University of Mississippi on December
8 16, 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Orgeron came to Ole Miss after serving the previous
10 seven seasons as the Defensive Line Coach at the University of
11 Southern California; and

12 WHEREAS, he took on the added responsibility of Recruiting
13 Coordinator for the Trojans, who defeated Oklahoma 55 to 19 for
14 the National Championship in the 2005 FedEx Orange Bowl on January
15 4, 2005. He was named Assistant Head Coach in 2003 and joined the
16 USC staff in January 1998. USC's 2002, 2003 and 2004 recruiting
17 classes were ranked among the nation's Top 5 (the 2003 and 2004
18 groups were listed by many as No. 1). He was named the 2004
19 National Recruiter of the Year by *The Sporting News* and
20 Rivals.com; and

21 WHEREAS, under Coach Orgeron's guidance, the University of
22 Southern California Trojans Football Team won 13 games during the
23 2004 season for the first time in the history of the school and
24 became the first team since the University of Nebraska in
25 1994-1995 to repeat as Associated Press National Champions and the
26 second team to start and finish the season at No. 1 in the
27 Associated Press poll. The University of Southern California
28 Trojans Football Team has won 22 consecutive games, is ranked in

29 the Top 10 in every defensive category, and has set a school
30 record by scoring at least 20 points in its last 38 games. The
31 University of Southern California Trojans Football Team has won 27
32 bowl games, only two games fewer than the University of Alabama;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, in 2003, Orgeron guided USC's highly-regarded "Wild
35 Bunch II" defensive line as the Trojans led the nation in rushing
36 defense; and

37 WHEREAS, Coach Orgeron, 43, has 19 years of coaching
38 experience. He was Syracuse's Defensive Line Coach for three
39 seasons (1995-1997) and the Orangemen played in a bowl game each
40 year (1996 Gator, 1996 Liberty and 1997 Fiesta). He came to
41 Syracuse from Nicholls State, where he was the Linebacker's Coach
42 in 1994. Before that, he was the Defensive Line Coach at Miami
43 for four seasons (1989-1992), where he coached eight
44 All-Americans, including NFL first rounders Cortez Kennedy,
45 Russell Maryland and Warren Sapp. In 1988, he was a Graduate
46 Assistant at Miami, working with the defensive line. During his
47 tenure, the Hurricanes won the national championship twice (1989
48 and 1991), finished second in the AP poll once (1988) and third
49 twice (1990 and 1992) while appearing in five New Year's Day Bowls
50 (1989 Orange, 1990 Sugar, 1991 Cotton, 1992 Orange and 1993
51 Sugar); and

52 WHEREAS, Orgeron also was a Graduate Assistant at
53 Northwestern (Louisiana) State, his Alma Mater, in 1984 and
54 McNeese State in 1985, working with the defensive line at both
55 schools, then was an Assistant Strength Coach at Arkansas for two
56 years (1986-1987). The Razorbacks were in the 1987 Orange Bowl
57 and 1987 Liberty Bowl. He was a four-year Starting Defensive
58 Lineman at Northwestern State, where he was Captain of the Demons
59 as a Senior. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts
60 from Northwestern State University in 1984; and

61 WHEREAS, he starred in football, basketball and track at
62 South Lafourche High School in Galliano, Louisiana. He and his
63 wife, Kelly, have three sons: Tyler, 11, and five-year-old twins,
64 Parker and Cody; and

65 WHEREAS, Coach "O" and his family are a wonderful addition to
66 the university, which is a leader in the South and the nation in
67 academics, student life and athletics; and

68 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we welcome this
69 respected coach and athlete to his new university and adopted
70 state:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
72 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
73 we do hereby commend Ed Orgeron for his selection as the 35th Head
74 Football Coach in the history of the Ole Miss Rebels, congratulate
75 him for his success as Assistant Coach with the University of
76 Southern California Trojans in their 2004 Bowl Championship Series
77 National Championship season, and extend to him and his family the
78 best wishes of the Legislature for a successful tenure at his new
79 university and adopted state.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
81 Coach "O" and forwarded to Chancellor Robert Khayat and made
82 available to the Capitol Press Corps.