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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.