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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LUKE
2 JOHNSON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI FOOTBALL TEAM
3 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE
4 GOLDEN EAGLES AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Luke Johnson, the outstanding punter for the
6 University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Football Team,
7 was first in Conference USA in average punting yards per game
8 during the 2005 season, and ranked seventh in the nation in
9 average punting yards per game; and

10 WHEREAS, for his superior accomplishments on the gridiron
11 this season, Luke was named to the first team All-Conference Team
12 and he earned All-American honors with his selection as third team
13 All-American by SI.com and as honorable mention All-American by
14 CollegeFootballNews.com; and

15 WHEREAS, Luke is not only an athlete but also a scholar, and
16 he has been named to the President's List, Conference USA
17 Commissioner's Honor Roll and Dean's List in his academic career,
18 and he has already earned his bachelor's degree in business
19 administration; and

20 WHEREAS, Luke has been awarded the Conference USA
21 Commissioner's Medal for Academic Excellence several times, was
22 named the SportsCare Scholar Athlete for football in 2003 and
23 2004, was the recipient of the Liberty Bowl Scholar Athlete Award
24 in the 2003 Liberty Bowl, and was selected to attend the Seventh
25 Annual NCAA Leadership Conference in 2003; and

26 WHEREAS, Luke, who is an ordained minister, is heavily
27 involved in community service and is dedicated to the USM
28 Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Baptist Student Union and to

29 his ministry opportunities not only in the Hattiesburg area but
30 also in other areas of the state and the world, and he was
31 selected to the American Football Coaches Association's Good Works
32 Team for his outstanding work in the community; and

33 WHEREAS, Luke was named a finalist for the Danny Wuerffel
34 Trophy and the ARA Sportsmanship Award and was named the Division
35 I male recipient of the Woody Hayes Award, all of which are
36 awarded to the top players in the nation based on academic,
37 athletic and community service; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
39 outstanding student athlete who is an inspiration to other
40 athletes and who has brought honor to his community, his
41 university and the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
44 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate Luke Johnson of the
45 University of Southern Mississippi Football Team for his
46 outstanding athletic and academic accomplishments for the Golden
47 Eagles and for his exemplary community service, and we extend our
48 best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Luke Johnson and to members of the Capitol Press
51 Corps.