

By: Representative Davis

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING VIC PURVIS, STAR
2 COLLEGE QUARTERBACK FROM PUCKETT AND MORTON, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 COLOR COMMENTATOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, UPON
4 HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF
5 2006.

6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled its
7 Class of 2006, which features Vic Purvis, star college quarterback
8 from Puckett and Morton, Mississippi, and radio color commentator
9 for the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Football
10 Team; and

11 WHEREAS, Vic Purvis earned 14 letters in football,
12 basketball, baseball and track at Puckett and Morton High Schools
13 and led his football teams in high school to a record of 22-6-3.
14 He was MVP of the Capital Athletic Conference and played in the
15 1961 Mississippi High School All-Star Football Game; and

16 WHEREAS, a three-year letterman, as quarterback at the
17 University of Southern Mississippi from 1963 to 1965, he was
18 coached by Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame member Thad "Pie" Vann
19 and led USM to a record of 18-8-1 during his college career; and

20 WHEREAS, Vic established numerous rushing records at the
21 school, had two consecutive 200+ yard rushing performances against
22 Memphis and Richmond in 1965 which made national headlines, paced
23 USM in passing and total offense for three straight seasons and
24 finished his college career with 1,738 yards passing, 1,497 yards
25 rushing and 10 touchdowns; and

26 WHEREAS, Vic was Honorable Mention All-American and Academic
27 All-American who was selected for USM student Hall of Fame and
28 chosen Mr. USM; and

29 WHEREAS, he played for the Boston Patriots of the AFL for two
30 seasons in 1966 and 1967 after signing with the club as a free
31 agent defensive back and kick returner; and

32 WHEREAS, during his professional career with the Patriots,
33 his teammates included such legendary football greats as NFL Hall
34 of Fame linebacker Nick Buoniconti and Mississippi Sports Hall of
35 Fame member defensive lineman Eddie Khayat; and

36 WHEREAS, owner of Purvis Sales and Marketing, his
37 broadcasting career began in 1974 as color commentator at USM for
38 "Golden Eagle" football and he has broadcast over 345 USM games;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, counting games as a player and broadcaster, Vic
41 Purvis has been involved in 372 USM gridiron contests; and

42 WHEREAS, he was honored with induction into the USM Athletic
43 Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 1972; and

44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
45 recognize such an outstanding athlete and sports announcer as Vic
46 Purvis, who has brought honor to his community, his university and
47 to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 commend and congratulate Vic Purvis, star college quarterback from
51 Puckett and Morton, Mississippi, and radio color commentator for
52 the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles Football
53 Team, upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame
54 Class of 2006, and wish him and his family continued success in
55 all their future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Vic Purvis at induction ceremonies and to the members
58 of the Capitol Press Corps.