

By: Senator(s) Michel, Kirby, Hewes

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 571

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING VIC
2 PURVIS, STAR COLLEGE QUARTERBACK AND COLOR COMMENTATOR FOR
3 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI FROM PUCKETT AND MORTON, 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 and radio color commentator for the University of Southern
9 Mississippi "Golden Eagles" Football Team from Puckett and Morton,
10 Mississippi; 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. He
20 established numerous rushing records at the school, had two
21 consecutive 200+ yard rushing performances against Memphis and
22 Richmond in 1965 which made national headlines, paced USM in
23 passing and total offense for three straight seasons and finished
24 his college career with 1,738 yards passing, 1,497 yards rushing
25 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. His teammates included
32 NFL Hall of Fame LB Nick Buoniconti and Mississippi Sports Hall of
33 Fame member DL Eddie Khayat; and

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

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

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

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
43 outstanding athlete and sports announcer who has brought honor to
44 his community, his 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 Vic Purvis, star college
48 quarterback and radio color commentator for the University of
49 Southern Mississippi "Golden Eagles" Football Team from Puckett
50 and Morton, Mississippi, upon his induction into the Mississippi
51 Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2006, and wish him and his family
52 continued success in all their future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Vic Purvis at induction ceremonies, and be made available to the
55 Capitol Press Corps.