

By: Senator(s) Michel, Moffatt, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 581

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WALT
2 SUGGS, SUPERB ALL-SEC OFFENSIVE TACKLE FOR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
3 BULLDOGS AND ALL-PRO FOR THE AFL HOUSTON OILERS, UPON HIS
4 INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2006.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled its
6 Class of 2006 which features Walt Suggs, superb Offensive Tackle
7 from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who was an All-SEC player for the
8 Mississippi State Bulldogs and an All-Pro for the AFL Houston
9 Oilers and also a member of the Oilers All-Time 30-Year Team; and

10 WHEREAS, Walt was an All-Conference and All-State tackle at
11 Forrest County Agricultural High School in Brooklyn, Mississippi,
12 who played in the 1957 Mississippi High School All-Star Football
13 Game; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a three-year letterman at Mississippi State
15 from 1958-1960, named to the UPI All-SEC Second Team in 1959 and
16 1960, selected to the Academic All-SEC Team in 1960 and served as
17 Team Captain for the Bulldogs, and played in the 1961 Senior Bowl
18 and the Blue-Gray Game in 1960; and

19 WHEREAS, he was drafted in the 3rd Round of the 1961 AFL
20 Draft by the Houston Oilers (now known as TN Titans). He signed
21 with his teammate and Mississippi Hall of Fame member Tom Goode.
22 He played in 137 games for the Houston Oilers in 10 seasons from
23 1962-1971 and played in more consecutive games than any other
24 Oiler in team history; and

25 WHEREAS, Walt was a durable performer who played at 6'5", 250
26 pounds, during his professional career. He was a member of three
27 Houston teams that played for the AFL championship, including the

28 famous overtime game in 1962 against the Dallas Texans which was
29 the longest game in pro football history at that time; and

30 WHEREAS, he was selected as All-AFL First Team Offensive
31 Tackle in 1967 and 1968 and played in two AFL All-Star games; and

32 WHEREAS, his teammates at Houston included NFL Hall of Fame
33 players such as QB George Blanda, DE Elvin Bethea, FB John Henry
34 Johnson and WR Charlie Joiner, along with notable names such as
35 Billy Cannon from LSU and AFL legend Ernie "The Cat" Ladd; and

36 WHEREAS, he played in the first pro football game ever played
37 in the Houston Astrodome in 1967; and

38 WHEREAS, Walt was named to the Houston Oilers All-Time
39 30-Year Team in 1991 and inducted into the Mississippi State
40 Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
42 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to his community, his
43 university and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
46 we do hereby commend and congratulate Walt Suggs, superb All-SEC
47 Offensive Tackle for the Mississippi State Bulldogs and All-Pro
48 for the AFL Houston Oilers, upon his induction into the
49 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2006, and wish him and
50 his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Walt Suggs at induction ceremonies, and be made available to the
53 Capitol Press Corps.