

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING VICKSBURG,
2 MISSISSIPPI, NATIVE KEVIN DENT, UPON HIS ENSHRINEMENT INTO THE
3 2006 CLASS OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, Kevin Dent, a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and
5 standout defensive back for Jackson State University from
6 1985-1988, was recently enshrined into the 2006 Class of the
7 College Football Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, at Vicksburg High School, Dent showcased his
9 athletic versatility by playing both quarterback and defensive
10 back, starting at quarterback for three seasons and leading his
11 team to a combined 23-9 record; and

12 WHEREAS, the first Mississippi inductee into the College
13 Football Hall of Fame, who never played professional football,
14 Dent's experience of being a quarterback and knowing the
15 intricacies of the passing game provided him an advantage playing
16 defense; and

17 WHEREAS, during his sophomore year at Jackson State, Dent
18 tied for the nation's lead in interceptions with 10, taking two
19 back for touchdowns, and was twice named Defensive Player of the
20 Year during his career; and

21 WHEREAS, a constant interception threat, Dent is the
22 university's only three-time First Team All-America selection
23 (1986-1988), a three-time Sheridan Black College National
24 Defensive Player of the Year, and he led the nation in
25 interceptions in 1986 and currently ranks among the Top 25 in NCAA
26 Division 1-AA history with 21 career picks; and

27 WHEREAS, a fierce defensive talent, Kevin Dent became the
28 first defensive player and third overall in Jackson State's
29 history to enter the College Football Hall of Fame, joining
30 legends Walter Payton and Willie Richardson; and

31 WHEREAS, at six feet, two inches, 196 pounds, Dent was the
32 leader of a defense that vaulted the Tigers to three consecutive
33 Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championships and a
34 remarkable 27-1 conference record; and

35 WHEREAS, a three-time First Team All-Conference selection, he
36 was twice named SWAC Defensive Player of the Year; and

37 WHEREAS, a two-time Mississippi Sports Writers
38 All-Mississippi Team selection, Dent currently ranks fourth
39 all-time at Jackson State in single-season interceptions, with 11
40 interceptions in 1988; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend the accomplishments and success of such a
43 remarkable Mississippi athlete as Kevin Dent, whose athletic
44 career remains forever etched in sports history throughout the
45 state, region and nation:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend and congratulate Kevin Dent upon his recent enshrinement
49 into the 2006 Class of the College Football Hall of Fame and
50 extend warmest wishes for continued success in all of his future
51 endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Kevin Dent, Jackson State University, Vicksburg High
54 School and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.