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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 607

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TROY  
2 ARLISS RICKS, CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL PLAYER AND COACH FROM  
3 WHEELER, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2007.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled the  
6 Class of 2007, which features Troy Arliss Ricks from Wheeler,  
7 Mississippi, championship basketball player and Coach with Wheeler  
8 High School, Delta State University, Copiah-Lincoln Community  
9 College, Mississippi Delta Community College and Hinds Community  
10 College; and

11 WHEREAS, amazingly, Troy Ricks never played on or coached  
12 basketball teams with a losing record; and

13 WHEREAS, Troy Ricks basketball career highlights include the  
14 following:

15 • Inducted into the Delta State Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame,  
16 2002; charter member of Mississippi Delta Community College  
17 Athletic Hall of Fame, 1999; scholarship established in Ricks'  
18 name at Hinds Community College, 1999; inducted into the  
19 Copiah-Lincoln Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, 1995;  
20 inducted into the Hinds Community College Athletic Hall of Fame,  
21 1992; inducted into the Delta State Athletic Hall of Fame, 1973;  
22 and Distinguished Service Award, Mississippi Coaches Association,  
23 1970.

24 • Head Basketball and Baseball Coach, Hinds Junior College,  
25 Raymond, Mississippi, 1951-1970: overall career coaching record,  
26 441-156, 73%; led team to State Junior College Final Four 8 of his  
27 last 10 years; Hinds hoop teams compiled a record of 323-148, 69%;  
28 coached Hinds to the school's first State JUCO title, 1967, team

29 made an appearance in national JUCO tournament; led team to  
30 Mississippi JUCO South Division Championships; coached Hinds  
31 baseball team to State Junior College Title in 1957.

32         • Head Basketball and Football Coach, Principal, Raymond  
33 High School, Raymond, Mississippi, 1949-1951 (overall high school  
34 coaching record: 54-4): led Ranger Basketball Team to record of  
35 40-3 and coached football team to State Championship game.

36         • Head Basketball Coach, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College,  
37 Wesson, Mississippi, 1947-1949: consecutive State JUCO  
38 Championships, 55-2 record.

39         • Head Basketball Coach, Saltillo High School, Saltillo,  
40 Mississippi, 1946-1947: coached team to 23-3 record and 1947  
41 State Championship and led Tupelo Legionnaires (AAU) to  
42 quarterfinals of National Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia.

43         • U.S. Army, 1943-1946, played service basketball in South  
44 Pacific.

45         • Union Wire Rope, Kansas City, Missouri, Pro-Basketball  
46 Team, 1941-1942: signed contract with the Sheboygan Redskins  
47 (which eventually became part of the NBA), but was drafted into  
48 the U.S. Army; team captured the league title; named to the  
49 All-Tournament Team.

50         • Delta State, Point Guard, 1939-1941: paced the Statesmen  
51 to a 3rd Place National finish in the NAIB Tournament, 1940;  
52 Two-time NAIB All-American; Two-time NAIB All Tournament Team; and  
53 led all guards in scoring average with 22 ppg. scored 105 points  
54 in his DSU career, a national record at that time.

55         • Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, Mississippi, Point  
56 Guard, 1937-1939: led team to two consecutive State JUCO  
57 Championships and Mississippi Valley Conference Championship; and  
58 named All-State & MVP two consecutive years.

59         • Wheeler High School, Wheeler, Mississippi, 1933-1937:  
60 named All-Tournament in every tournament in which he played; named

61 MVP in several tournaments; and named MVP for Prentiss County,  
62 1933; and

63 WHEREAS, while serving in the Army in the South Pacific  
64 during World War II, Ricks was approached in the middle of combat  
65 theaters to play basketball. The first incident was on the Island  
66 of Biak when Ralph Miller, Oregon State's future Hall of Fame  
67 Coach, spotted Ricks walking down the road while he was driving in  
68 a jeep and picked him to play several basketball games; and

69 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
70 outstanding athlete and legendary coach who has brought honor to  
71 his community, his colleges and universities and to the State of  
72 Mississippi:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
74 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
75 we do hereby commend and congratulate Troy Arliss Ricks,  
76 Championship basketball player and Coach from Wheeler,  
77 Mississippi, upon his induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall  
78 of Fame, Class of 2007, and wish him and his family continued  
79 success in all their future endeavors.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
81 Troy Ricks at induction ceremonies on July 27-28, 2007, and be  
82 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.