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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 514

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MISSISSIPPI STATE
2 UNIVERSITY QUARTERBACK DAK PRESCOTT AS THE FIRST PLAYER IN HISTORY
3 TO WIN THE COVETED C SPIRE CONERLY TROPHY IN BACK-TO-BACK SEASONS
4 AND TO COMMEND HIS STELLAR FOOTBALL CAREER.

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi State University fifth-year Senior
6 Quarterback Dak Prescott was named the winner of the 20th Annual
7 C Spire Conerly Trophy by the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and
8 Museum on December 1, 2015. Dak Prescott is the first player in
9 history to win the award in back-to-back seasons and Mississippi
10 State is the first university to have a player win the award seven
11 times; and

12 WHEREAS, given annually to the best college football player
13 in Mississippi, Prescott earned the honor after being the only
14 player in the Southeastern Conference to lead his team in both
15 passing yards (3,413) and rushing yards (541) in the regular
16 season. The Haughton, Louisiana, native broke his own
17 single-season school records for completion percentage (66.9 in
18 2015; 61.6 in 2014) and yards per game (284.4 in 2015; 265.3 in
19 2014) and has a chance to break more records in the bowl game. In



20 conference games, Prescott led the SEC in completions (226),
21 completion percentage (67.1), passing yards (2,528),
22 touchdown-to-interception ratio (17:4), passing yards per game
23 (316.2) and total offense (363.2). In games vs. ranked teams,
24 Prescott led the SEC in completions (87), completion percentage
25 (63.5), passing yards (889) and yards per game (296.3); and

26 WHEREAS, "I am humbled to be named the winner of this year's
27 Conerly Trophy," Prescott said. "This trophy represents the hard
28 work and dedication of my teammates, coaches and people around me.
29 I am grateful for them"; and

30 WHEREAS, with current Oakland Raiders' star offensive lineman
31 Gabe Jackson capturing the award in 2013, Dak's presentation was
32 the first time in history one school has won the trophy in three
33 straight years. Prescott is the second player ever to win the
34 honor twice (Eli Manning, 2001 and 2003); and

35 WHEREAS, Dak is the fourth player in Football Bowl
36 Subdivision (FBS) history and the second in the SEC (Tebow) to
37 throw for 60 touchdowns and rush for 40 touchdowns in a career.
38 He currently ranks fourth in SEC history with 110 touchdowns
39 responsible for and is third all-time with 11,470 yards of total
40 offense. Prescott is also the 10th player in FBS history (second
41 in SEC) to total 8,500 career passing yards and 2,000 career
42 rushing yards and the third quarterback in the last two decades to
43 rush for 10 touchdowns in three straight years (Tebow, Colin
44 Kapernick). Prescott was a finalist for the 2014 award after



45 becoming one of two FBS players in the last seven years to average
46 265 yards passing and 75 rushing per game in a season (Johnny
47 Maziel, 2012). Prescott joined Heisman Trophy winners Tim Tebow
48 (2007 and 2008), Cam Newton (2010) and Manziel (2012) as the only
49 signal callers in the SEC since 2000 to throw for 25 touchdowns
50 and rush for 10 scores in a single season; and

51 WHEREAS, the redshirt senior gave the Mississippi State
52 faithful one outstanding last hurrah when he passed for 380 yards
53 and four touchdowns and rushed for 47 yards to lead the Bulldogs
54 to a 51-28 victory against North Carolina State in the Belk Bowl
55 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, on
56 December 30, 2015. It was the third consecutive bowl that
57 Prescott produced outstanding statistical numbers. He finished
58 his career with 1,308 total yards in bowl games. Prescott wasn't
59 phased by the light rain that fell as the game began and started
60 well against the Wolfpack. "I don't think there are words to
61 really describe what he's done for this program," MSU Coach Dan
62 Mullen said. "I think he has taken the university and the
63 football program and changed the way people think about us"; and

64 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2015, Dak Prescott earned All-SEC
65 honors as noted by the leagues coaches. He successfully defended
66 his first team SEC Crown from 2014 by leading Mississippi State
67 University in passing and rushing. Dak Prescott was also named a
68 finalist for the 2015 Manning Award by the Allstate Sugar Bowl.
69 The award, given to the best quarterback in college football, is



70 the only national quarterback award which includes candidates'
71 bowl performances in its balloting. The Manning Award was created
72 by the Allstate Sugar Bowl in honor of the college football
73 accomplishments of Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning. In its first
74 11 years, the Manning Award has recognized the top names in
75 college football. It has honored quarterbacks from 10 different
76 schools and from four different conferences. Dak Prescott will
77 play in the 2016 Senior Bowl in Mobile, Alabama, giving him an
78 extended audition in front of NFL scouts and team executives; and

79 WHEREAS, for an unheralded prospect out of Louisiana,
80 Prescott added one more reason why he is one of the best to ever
81 play in Mississippi. "It's become home," Prescott said. "People
82 and the hospitality make it home"; and it is with great pride that
83 we commend the stellar football career of an outstanding football
84 player who has added another line to his Mississippi State legacy
85 and has brought honor to his university, his community and to the
86 State of Mississippi:

87 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
88 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
89 we do hereby recognize Mississippi State University Quarterback
90 Dak Prescott as the first player in history to win the coveted C
91 Spire Conerly Trophy in back-to-back seasons, and commend his
92 stellar football career, and extend our best wishes to Dak and his
93 family on this auspicious honor.



94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
95 Dak Prescott, forwarded to Mississippi State University Football
96 Coach Dan Mullen, Mississippi State University President Mark
97 Keenum and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
98 Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

