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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 516

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY "BULLDOGS" FOOTBALL TEAM, COACH DAN
3 MULLEN AND STAR QUARTERBACK DAK PRESCOTT FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2015
4 REGULAR SEASON AND BELK BOWL VICTORY.

5 WHEREAS, to close out the 2015 season, Mississippi State
6 University (9-4) defeated North Carolina State (7-6) 51-28 to win
7 the Belk Bowl on December 30, 2015, in Charlotte, North Carolina;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Quarterback Dak Prescott concluded his stellar
10 Mississippi State University career on a high note, completing
11 27-of-42 passes for 380 yards and four touchdowns. The latter two
12 numbers were Belk Bowl records and he was named Most Valuable
13 Player of the game as well. He broke his own records for passing
14 yards and passing touchdowns in a single season in Mississippi
15 State University history; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs started the game quickly on a 21-0 run,
17 earning a lead they never lost for the rest of the game. "It was
18 huge," Head Coach Dan Mullen said on the initial scoring.
19 "Especially in a bowl game, you want to start fast"; and



20 WHEREAS, with Prescott delivering the passes, junior receiver
21 Fred Ross also extended his own single-season school record with
22 88 catches this season, a mark that puts him in the Top 10 of SEC
23 single-season highs. Overall, Prescott completed 25-of-42 passes
24 for 380 yards and 4 touchdowns, setting the Belk Bowl record for
25 both passing yards and total offense, while Ross caught 7 passes
26 for 74 yards and one touchdown, becoming only the second player in
27 Mississippi State University history to top 1,000 receiving yards
28 in a season. Defensively, Mississippi State University put
29 pressure on the North Carolina State offense for the majority of
30 the game, starting with an interception by freshman linebacker
31 Gerri Green on the first play of the game as North Carolina State
32 University quarterback was under duress. Junior linebacker
33 Beniquez Brown led Mississippi State University with nine tackles,
34 including two sacks of the North Carolina State University
35 quarterback. Overall, MSU's front seven had eight quarterback
36 hurries and six sacks; and

37 WHEREAS, with the win, Mississippi State finished with its
38 third nine-win season under Head Coach Dan Mullen, earning
39 back-to-back nine-win seasons for the first time in school
40 history. State is now 11-8 overall in bowl contest, 4-2 under
41 Mullen's guidance. "In 114 years of Mississippi State football,
42 only six teams have won nine games," Mullen remarked. "This team
43 is one of them"; and



44 WHEREAS, 2016 Mississippi State University "Bulldog" Football
45 Team Roster: De'Runnya Wilson, WR; Will Redmond, DB; Elijah
46 Staley, QB; Traver Jung, LB; Gerri Green, LB; Fred Brown, WR;
47 Cedric Jiles, DB; Donald Gray, WR; Tolando Cleveland, DB; Nick
48 Fitzgerald, QB; Fred Ross, WR; Jamoral Graham, DB; Nathan Gieb,
49 ATH; Brandon Holloway, RB; Kivon Coman, DB; Damian Williams, QB;
50 Jamal Peters, DB; Zach Jackson, LB; Nick Tiano, QB; Dak Prescott,
51 QB; Elias Cane, ATH; Joe Morrow, WR; Deontay Evans, DB; Deddrick
52 Thomas, WR; Gus Walley, TE; Brandon Bryant, DB; Nick Gibson, RB;
53 Malik Dear, WR; Taveze Calhoun, DB; Keith Mixon, WR; Chris
54 Rayford, DB; Westin Graves, K; Kendrick Market, DB; Alec Murphy,
55 RB; Lee Jackson, ATH; Aeris Williams, RB; DeAndre Ward, LB; Josiah
56 Phillips, ATH; Zak Neary, ATH; Chris Stamps, DB; Hayes Walker,
57 ATH; Maurice Smitherman, DB; Ashton Shumpert, RB; Dontavian Lee,
58 RB; Cory Thomas, DL; Alan Worsham, ATH; Gabe Myles, WR; Bennie
59 Braswell III, RB; Bryce Brown, ATH; Danortis McWilliams, ATH;
60 Winston Chapman, SN; Richie Brown, LB; Devon Bell, P/K; Mark
61 McLaurin, DB; Beniquez Brown, LB; Fletcher Adams, DL; Logan Cooke,
62 K/P; Brandon Davis, DB; Chase Jones, ATH; Leo Lewis, LB; J.T.
63 Gray, LB; Dezmond Harris, LB; A.J. Jefferson, DL; Ryan Brown, DL;
64 Torrey Dale, DL; Tim Washington, LB; Kelan Chairs, LB; Hunter
65 Bradley, SN; Lawrence Brown, ATH; Martinas Rankin, OL; Allen
66 Perkins, ATH; Nick Proby, ATH; Will Coleman, DL; Justin Senior,
67 OL; Nathan Swanson, SN; Jamaal Clayborn, OL; Deion Calhoun, OL;
68 Devon Desper, OL; Jocquell Johnson, OL; Joel Baldwin, SN; Michael



69 Story, OL; Devin Hadley, ATH; Darryl Williams, OL; Justin Malone,
70 OL; Cole Carter, OL; Ronald Cochran, OL; Rodney Lacy, ATH; Elgton
71 Jenkins, OL; Harrison Moon, OL; Jake Thomas, OL; Rufus Warren, OL;
72 Damien Robinson, OL; Evans Wilkerson, ATH; TJ Flinta, ATH; Aaron
73 Hamaker, ATH; Justin Johnson, WR; Farrod Green, TE; Jefferson
74 Teel, ATH; Kareem Vance Jr., WR; Darrion Hutcherson, TE; Jonnas
75 Spivey, WR; Jesse Jackson, WR; Nick James, DL; Javous Nicks, WR;
76 Grant Harris, DL; Anfernee Mullins, DL; Brian Houston, ATH;
77 Kendell Jones, DL; Nelson Adams, DL; Braxton Hoyett, DL; Johnathan
78 Calvin, DL; Chris Jones, DL; and Keith Joseph Jr., DL; and

79 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State University 2015 Coaches: Head
80 Coach Dan Mullen; Assistant Coaches: Manny Diaz, Billy Gonzales,
81 John Hevesy, Tony Hughes, Brian Johnson, Greg Knox, Scott Sallach,
82 Deshea Townsend and David Turner; Director of Player Personnel
83 Rockey Felker; Jon Clark, Assistant to the Head Coach; Lee Davis,
84 Coordinator of Football Recruiting; Sleepy Robinson, Recruiting
85 Specialist; Brian Squeglia, Recruiting Specialist; Niel
86 Stopczynski, Assistant Recruiting Coordinator; Ephraim Banda,
87 Defensive Quality Control; Albert Poree, Special Teams Quality
88 Control; and James Vollono, Offensive Quality Control; and

89 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
90 outstanding athletes who have brought honor to their university,
91 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

92 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
93 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



94 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Mississippi State
95 University "Bulldogs" Football Team, Coach Dan Mullen and Star
96 Quarterback Dak Prescott for their successful 2015 regular season
97 and Belk Bowl Victory, and extend our best wishes to the team and
98 coaches for future success.

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
100 Head Coach Dan Mullen and Mississippi State University President
101 Mark Keenum for the team, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of
102 State Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the
103 Capitol Press Corps.

