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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 533

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI OLE MISS "REBELS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH HUGH FREEZE FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2016 ALLSTATE SUGAR
4 BOWL.

5 WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi Ole Miss "Rebels"
6 Football Team rewrote the record books in 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, the season highlights included the Rebels defeating
8 Alabama for the first time ever in consecutive years, the first
9 Egg Bowl victory in Starkville since 2003 and a victory in the
10 Sugar Bowl. Some notable accomplishments for the Rebels in 2015
11 are:

12 • Ole Miss finished the season 10-3, marking its first
13 10-win season since 2003 and seventh in school history;

14 • The Rebels won five games over ranked opponents for the
15 first time in program history, finishing the year with a 5-2 mark
16 against ranked teams;

17 • The offense broke school single-season records in scoring
18 (531), touchdowns (68), total yards (6,731), passing yards
19 (4,351), passing touchdowns (35) and first downs (341);



- 20 • The defense tied a school single-season record of four
21 interception touchdowns that was previously set in 1938;
- 22 • The Rebels also set school records with four 50+ point
23 games, three 600+ yard games and 66 PATs in a season;
- 24 • Hugh Freeze became the first Ole Miss Head Coach since
25 John Vaught to lead the Rebels to four straight bowl games, and he
26 is the only Rebel Coach to accomplish that feat in his first four
27 seasons at the helm;
- 28 • Freeze's .654 winning percentage as the Rebels' Head Coach
29 is the second most in the last 100 years of the program;
- 30 • The Rebels defeated Alabama in back-to-back seasons for
31 the first time in history and were the first team to take down the
32 Tide in consecutive years since LSU in 2010 and 2011;
- 33 • Ole Miss beat Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Mississippi State
34 in the same season for the first time in school history;
- 35 • The Rebels secured a winning SEC record in consecutive
36 seasons for the first time since 1989-1990;
- 37 • The Rebels' 48 points and 554 total yards were the most in
38 a bowl game in school history;
- 39 • Junior QB Chad Kelly broke Bo Wallace's school record for
40 pass completions in a season with 298 and tied Eli Manning's
41 record for passing TDs in a season (31);
- 42 • The Buffalo (N.Y.) native's season total of 4,542 total
43 yards is third-best in SEC history behind Johnny Manziel's 2012
44 (5,116) and 2013 (4,873) seasons;



45 • Kelly's season total of 4,042 passing yards is third-best
46 in SEC history behind Tim Couch (4,275 in 1998) and Manziel (4,114
47 in 2013). He is the third SEC QB to ever throw for more than
48 4,000 yards;

49 • Both Kelly's total offense and passing yards are school
50 records in a season;

51 • Kelly's four touchdown passes tied the Sugar Bowl record
52 and were the most ever by an Ole Miss player in a bowl game;

53 • Junior WR Laquon Treadwell established school records for
54 catches in a season (82) and career (202) and receiving yards in a
55 season (1,153);

56 • Treadwell surpassed Donte Moncrief and Chris Collins for a
57 school-record 11 touchdowns this season;

58 • Treadwell's three touchdown catches also tied the Sugar
59 Bowl record;

60 • Junior Evan Engram broke Jim Poole's school record for
61 career receptions by a tight end with 97 catches; and

62 WHEREAS, on September 19, 2015, Ole Miss executed the most
63 unbelievable but memorable play of the 2015 college football
64 season. After a bad snap, Ole Miss QB Chad Kelley threw an
65 ill-advised pass, which, after being, tipped, bounced off an
66 Alabama defender's helmet and into the hands of Rebel's receiver
67 Quincy Adeboyejo, who ran for a 66-yard touchdown. This helped
68 Ole Miss give Alabama its only loss of the season; and



69 WHEREAS, Vaught-Hemingway Stadium is in the midst of a major
70 facelift that will see the north end of the facility bowled in and
71 transformed into an exciting new "front door" in 2016, complete
72 with a plaza and bell tower. As part of the Forward Together
73 capital campaign, the south end zone was renovated to add 30
74 luxury suites and 770 club level seats prior to the 2015 season,
75 while the west suites were all refinished; and

76 WHEREAS, the 2015 Ole Miss Rebels Football Team Roster is:
77 Tony Bridges, DB; Laquon Treadwell, WR; DeVante Kincade, QB; C.J.
78 Hampton, DB; Damore'ea Stringfellow, WR; Quintavius Burdette, WR;
79 Denzel Nkemdiche, LB; Robert Nkemdiche, DT; Fadol Brown, DE;
80 Jaylen Walton, RB; Trae Elston, DB; Damarkus Lodge, WR; Jason
81 Pellerin, QB; Quincy Adeboyejo, WR; Chief Brown, DB; Ryan
82 Buchanan, QB; Breeland Speaks, DT; C.J. Johnson, LB; Chad Kelly,
83 QB; Will Easter, WR; Markell Pack, WR; Channing Ward, DE; Tony
84 Conner, DB; Van Jefferson, WR; Eugene Brazley, RB; Kailo Moore,
85 DB; Victor Evans, DE; Jeremy Liggins, TE/OL; Kendarius Webster,
86 DB; Drew Davis, QB; Jalen Julius, DB; Collins Moore, WR; Evan
87 Engram, TE; Derrick Jones, WR; Christian Russell, LB; Terry
88 Caldwell, LB; Akeem Judd, RB; Ray Ray Smith, LB; Jordan Wilkins,
89 RB; Carlos Davis, DB; Tayler Polk, LB; Johnathan Rattliffe, DB;
90 Eric Swinney, RB; Montrell Custis, DB; C.J. Moore, DB; Marquis
91 Haynes, DE; Cale Luke, WR; Cam Ordway, DB; Brandon Bell, WR;
92 Armani Linton, DB; A.J. Moore, DB; Justin Anderson, DB; DeMarquis
93 Gates, LB; Temario Strong, LB; John-Patrick Sherling, LB; Nathan



94 Vanderburg, RB; Shawn Curtis, LB; D.K. Buford, RB; Josh Johnson,
95 DB; Zedrick Woods, DB; Luke Davis, LB; Mike Hilton, DB; Martin
96 Johnson, RB; Antwain Smith, DB; Garrald McDowell, DL; Ty Quick,
97 TE; John Youngblood, DE; Jack Raborn, LB; Sean Rawlings, OL;
98 Michael Howard, OL; Austrian Robinson, DL; Will Few, LS; Sam
99 Johnson, OL; Tyler Putman, OL; Woodrow Hamilton, DT; Chadwick
100 Lamar, LS; Michael Taylor, LS; Jacob Feeley, C; Ben Still, C; Alex
101 Givens, OL; Justin Bell, OL; Jordan Sims, OL; Christian Morris,
102 OL; Aaron Morris, OL; Rod Taylor, OL; Fahn Cooper, OL; Robert
103 Conyers, OL; Daronte Bouldin, OL; Talbot Buys, OL; Laremy Tunsil,
104 OL; Javon Patterson, OL; Willie Hibbler, TE; Elliot Markuson, LB;
105 Trey Bledsoe, WR; Dylan Dyer, TE; Dillon Barrett, TE; Hunter
106 Thurley, TE; Dawson Knox, TE; Alex Weber, WR; Jordan Gallegos, WR;
107 Matt Brown, TE; Cody Core, WR; Taz Zettergren, TE; Ross Donnelly,
108 DT; Nathan Noble, K; Andy Pappanastos, K; Tyler Jackson, K; D.J.
109 Jones, DT; Will Gleeson, P; Issac Gross DT; Gary Wunderlich K/P;
110 Grant Warren, P; Herbert Moore, DT; Ole Miss Coaches: Head Coach
111 Hugh Freeze; Dave Wommack, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers; Dan
112 Werner, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Matt Luke,
113 Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line; Jason Jones, Co-Defensive
114 Coordinator/Cornerbacks; Chris Kiffin, Defensive Line/Recruiting
115 Coordinator For Defense; Maurice Harris, Tight Ends/Recruiting
116 Coordinator For Offense; Corey Batoon, Special Teams
117 Coordinator/Safeties; Derrick Nix, Running Backs; Grant Heard,
118 Wide Receivers; Barney Farrar, Assistant A.D./High School and



119 Junior College Relations; Paul Jackson, Head Strength and
120 Conditioning Coach; Tom Luke, Assistant A.D./Player Development;
121 John Miller, Assistant A.D./Football Operations; Chris Rippon,
122 Assistant A.D./Recruiting Operations; Ben Algamaua, Intern; Chris
123 Buttgen, Director of Football Media; Ken Crain, Equipment Manager;
124 Pat Jernigan, Head Athletic Trainer; Bruce Johnson, Coordinator of
125 Recruiting Development; Emmanuel McCray, Graduate Assistant,
126 Offense; Davis Merritt, Graduate Assistant, Defense; Sean
127 Patterson, Associate Director of Recruiting Operations; Robert
128 Ratliff, Graduate Assistant, Offense; Will Reid, Assistant
129 Coordinator of Video Services; Christian Robinson, Graduate
130 Assistant, Defense; and Branden Wenzel, Assistant Recruiting
131 Director; and

132 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a
133 record-setting Mississippi University football team which has
134 brought joy and athletic excellence to its university, its
135 community and to the State of Mississippi:

136 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
137 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
138 we do hereby commend and congratulate the University of
139 Mississippi Ole Miss "Rebels" Football Team and Head Coach Hugh
140 Freeze for their victory in the 2016 Allstate Sugar Bowl, and
141 extend our best wishes to the team and coaches for future success.

142 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
143 Coach Hugh Freeze, Athletic Director Ross Byork and the Ole Miss



144 Football Team, forwarded to Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter and the
145 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and
146 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

