

By: Senator(s) Michel, Chassaniol, Dearing,  
Fillingane, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Jackson  
(32nd), Norwood, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 508

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE "OLE MISS" STAR WIDE  
2 RECEIVER A.J. BROWN UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE COVETED 2017 C SPIRE  
3 CONERLY TROPHY AND TO COMMEND HIS STELLAR FOOTBALL CAREER.

4 WHEREAS, Ole Miss Wide Receiver A.J. Brown won the 2017 C  
5 Spire Conerly Trophy on November 28, 2017, as Mississippi's most  
6 outstanding college football player this season; and

7 WHEREAS, now in its 22nd year, the C Spire Conerly Trophy is  
8 named after the late Charlie Conerly, the only football inductee  
9 in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame who was an All-American at  
10 a Mississippi university, an NFL Rookie of the Year and NFL  
11 All-Pro member and quarterbacked a team to a World Championship,  
12 and is given annually to the best college football player in  
13 Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, A.J. Brown, a sophomore from Starkville,  
15 Mississippi, finished the 2017 season as the Ole Miss  
16 single-season record-holder in receiving yards (1,252) and tied  
17 for the top spot in receiving touchdowns (11). He leads the SEC



18 and ranks sixth nationally in receiving yards per game (104.3);  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, his six 100-yard receiving games is tied for best in  
21 a single season, equaling Laquon Treadwell's mark in 2015. Brown  
22 finished third on the single-season record charts in receptions  
23 (75); and

24 WHEREAS, the award put an exclamation mark on a  
25 record-setting season for the sophomore from Starkville, who  
26 probably wrapped up the award by catching six passes for 167 yards  
27 and a touchdown in Ole Miss' 31-28 win over Mississippi State in  
28 the 2017 Egg Bowl; and

29 WHEREAS, Brown becomes the seventh Rebel, eighth time  
30 overall, to win the prestigious award. It also marks the first  
31 time Ole Miss has won the award in back-to-back seasons. The six  
32 former Rebels to win the Conerly Trophy include: Stewart Patridge  
33 (1997), Deuce McAllister (1999), Eli Manning (2001, 2003), Patrick  
34 Willis (2006), Bo Wallace (2012) and Evan Engram (2016); and

35 WHEREAS, we commend the stellar football career of an  
36 outstanding football player who has added another line to his  
37 Mississippi football legacy and has brought honor to his  
38 university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
41 we do hereby recognize Ole Miss Wide Receiver A.J. Brown upon his  
42 win of the coveted C Spire Conerly Trophy and commend his stellar



43 football career, and extend our best wishes to A.J. and his family  
44 on this auspicious honor.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 A.J. Brown, forwarded to the University of Mississippi Football  
47 Coach Matt Luke, University of Mississippi Chancellor Jeffrey S.  
48 Vitter and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
49 Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

