

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Barnett, Caughman,
Chassaniol, Dearing, Fillingane, Hopson,
Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 516

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FORMER OXFORD HIGH
2 SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI POLE VAULT STANDOUT SAM
3 KENDRICKS FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2017 IAAF WORLD
4 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LONDON, ENGLAND.

5 WHEREAS, Oxford native and former Ole Miss Star Sam Kendricks
6 followed up his June 2016 U.S. Title with a Gold Medal in the
7 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World
8 Championships; and

9 WHEREAS, ten years had passed since an American claimed Gold
10 in the Men's Pole Vault at the IAAF World Athletics Championships.
11 Sam Kendricks put an end to the drought on August 1, 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, Kendricks was the only man to clear 19 feet 6.25
13 inches to win Gold at the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London,
14 which gave the United States its first Gold in the event since
15 Brad Walker accomplished the feat in 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, Kendricks, a 24-year-old, cleared his first five
17 jumps and outlasted Poland's Piotr Lisek, who earned a Silver
18 Medal with a clearance of 5.89 meters; and



19 WHEREAS, it has been a successful summer for Kendricks, who
20 also won Gold at the U.S. Track and Field Championships in June in
21 Sacramento. He won the Pole Vault Competition with a career-best
22 mark of 6.00 meters. That was the sixth U.S. Title of Kendricks'
23 career; and

24 WHEREAS, at the Olympics Kendricks said, "Six meters is a
25 career point. Every great jumper has at least one six-meter jump.
26 If I can replicate even close to this at Worlds, I've got a shot
27 at the title. Going for the Gold in London is my goal." He made
28 good on his aspirations; and

29 WHEREAS, last year, Kendricks took home a Bronze Medal with a
30 mark of 5.85 meters at the Summer Olympics in Brazil. Sandhill,
31 Mississippi, native Tori Bowie claimed a Gold Medal in the Women's
32 100-Meter Dash when she ran a 10.85, which gave her a victory by
33 .01 of a second; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the Oxford and
35 University of Mississippi community in recognizing a Mississippi
36 Athlete and Military Officer who has brought honor to his family,
37 his community, his university and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby congratulate former Oxford High School and University
41 of Mississippi Pole Vault Standout Sam Kendricks for winning a
42 Gold Medal at the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London,



43 England, and extend the best wishes of the Legislature for
44 continued success on this auspicious occasion.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
46 Sam Kendricks and his family, forwarded to the Chancellor of the
47 University of Mississippi and the Board of Trustees of State
48 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol
49 Press Corps.

