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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY "LADY BULLDOGS" BASKETBALL TEAM AND  
3 COACH VIC SCHAEFER FOR ITS FIRST-EVER SEC REGULAR SEASON  
4 CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR ITS 30-0 PERFECT REGULAR SEASON.

5 WHEREAS, with less than two minutes remaining, another  
6 Humphrey Coliseum crowd broke out the "S-E-C, S-E-C" chant. On  
7 February 18, 2018, No. 2 Mississippi State completed its climb to  
8 the top of the nation's best conference in women's basketball with  
9 a 76-55 win against No. 17/18 Texas A&M before a third-straight  
10 sellout crowd of 9,933; and

11 WHEREAS, when the game was over and Mississippi State  
12 defeated Texas A&M 76-55, Vic Schaefer took a microphone and told  
13 the crowd this was the best team he has coached in 33 years.  
14 Mississippi State (28-0, 14-0 SEC) captured the SEC Regular Season  
15 Championship. It is the first time in school history that any  
16 women's program has accomplished that; and

17 WHEREAS, after Coach Schaefer addressed the crowd, Victoria  
18 Vivians fittingly stood on the court while holding a large  
19 circular sign of the SEC logo over her head; and



20 WHEREAS, No. 2 Mississippi State completed an undefeated  
21 Regular Season in women's basketball with an 85-63 Southeastern  
22 Conference win over Kentucky on February 25, 2018, at Memorial  
23 Coliseum. The Bulldogs improved to 30-0 overall and finished  
24 league play at 16.0. MSU is the first team since Tennessee in  
25 1997-1998 to finish the Regular Season undefeated. The  
26 30-straight wins mark the second-longest win streak in SEC  
27 history. Teaira McCowan led the Bulldogs with 20 points, 20  
28 rebounds and five blocked shots. Victoria Vivians also had a  
29 double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Roshunda Johnson  
30 had 15 points, while Blair Schaefer had 12 points and Chloe Bibby  
31 had 10 points; and

32 WHEREAS, this has been a Regular Season unlike any other for  
33 the Bulldogs because Victoria Vivians was producing at a new level  
34 and making a difference on the court in a variety of ways that  
35 have elevated her game. Vivians scored a team-high 26 points,  
36 grabbed a team-high rebounds, and her growth was on full display  
37 against Texas A&M. State immediately zoomed from 13th to third in  
38 Vivians' freshman season. They were second the next year and  
39 second last year. Victoria Vivians has been First Team ALL-SEC  
40 for the past two years and will be again this season. "She is the  
41 best player I have ever coached in 30 years of coaching," Coach  
42 Schaefer said; and

43 WHEREAS, the 2018 Mississippi State University Lady Bulldog  
44 Championship Team Roster is: Blair Schaefer, G; Morgan William,



45 G; Myah Taylor, G; Jazzmun Holmes, G; Roshunda Johnson, G; Jacaira  
46 Allen, G; Teaira McCowan, C; Nyah Tate, G; Jonika Garvin, F;  
47 Bre'Amber Scott, G; Jordan Danberry, G; Zion Campbell, C; Victoria  
48 Vivians, G; and Chloe Bibby, F; Head Coach Vic Schaefer, Assistant  
49 Head Coach Johnnie Harris; Assistant Coaches, Dionnah  
50 Jackson-Durrett and Carly Thibault-DuDonis; Director of Operations  
51 Maryann Baker; Director of Scouting/Video Coordinator Skylar  
52 Collins; and Student Assistant Coach Dominique Dillingham; and

53 WHEREAS, Mississippi State's remarkable basketball women have  
54 joined elite company: Margaret Wade's Delta State women's teams  
55 of the mid-1970s, who won three straight national Championships;  
56 Davey Whitney's 1978-1979 Alcorn State Braves, who finished the  
57 regular season 27-0 and finished 28-1 overall; and John Vaught's  
58 1959-1963 Ole Miss football teams, who lost only four times in  
59 five seasons and played in five straight New Year's Day bowl  
60 games; and

61 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join Bulldog nation  
62 in recognizing the SEC Champs who have brought honor and  
63 excitement to their university, their community and to the State  
64 of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
66 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
67 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Mississippi State  
68 University "Lady Bulldogs" Basketball Team and Coach Vic Schaefer  
69 for its first-ever SEC Regular Season Championship and for its



70 30-0 perfect Regular Season, and extend our best wishes for  
71 success in postseason tournament play.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
73 Coach Schaefer for the team, forwarded to MSU President Mark  
74 Keenum and the Board of Trustees of IHL, and made available to the  
75 Capitol Press Corps.

