

By: Senator(s) Michel, Hopson, Boyd, Blount, To: Rules
DeBar, Kirby, Chassaniol, Parks, Younger,
Doty, Blackmon, Blackwell, Caughman,
Fillingane, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd), Jordan, McCaughn, McMahan, Norwood,
Simmons (12th), Sojourner, Sparks, Suber,
Thomas, Witherspoon, Simmons (13th)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TIMELESS LEGACY OF
2 FORMER OLE MISS RECORD-BREAKING QUARTERBACK ELI MANNING ON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 16 SEASONS AND TWO SUPER BOWLS
4 WITH THE NEW YORK GIANTS.

5 WHEREAS, it is the end of an era for the New York Giants as
6 former Ole Miss record-breaking quarterback Eli Manning announced
7 his retirement on January 23, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Eli Manning, 39, just completed his 16th season in
9 the league, all of them with the Giants. Manning helped lead New
10 York to two Super Bowl Titles (XLII and XLVI) and won the game's
11 Most Valuable Player in each. Manning, who finished his career
12 with a 60.3% completion rate for 57,023 yards with 366 touchdowns
13 and 244 interceptions, finishes his career ranked seventh all-time
14 in both passing yards and touchdown passes; and

15 WHEREAS, "For 16 seasons, Eli Manning defined what it is to
16 be a New York Giant both on and off the field," Giants Co-owner
17 John Mara said in a statement. "Eli is our only two-time Super
18 Bowl MVP and one of the very best players in our franchise's
19 history. He represented our franchise as a consummate



20 professional with dignity and accountability. It meant something
21 to Eli to be the Giants' quarterback, and it meant even more to
22 us. We are beyond grateful for his contributions to our
23 organization and look forward to celebrating his induction into
24 the Giants Ring of Honor in the near future"; and

25 WHEREAS, Elisha Nelson Manning, IV, (Eli) will go down in NFL
26 history as the quarterback who defeated Bill Belichick, Brady and
27 the otherwise untouchable New England Patriots in Super Bowls, not
28 once, but twice; and

29 WHEREAS, the record will show that he once started 222
30 consecutive games at quarterback over 14 seasons, a total
31 surpassed by only two people in NFL history, Brett Favre and
32 Phillip Rivers (elite company); and

33 WHEREAS, during his years with the Rebels at Ole Miss,
34 Manning set or tied 45 single-game, season, and career records.
35 His career numbers include 10,119 passing yards (fifth on the SEC
36 career list), 81 touchdown passes (third on the SEC career list),
37 and a passer rating of 137.7 (tied for sixth on the SEC career
38 list). As his senior year came to a close, Manning won many
39 awards, including the Maxwell Award as the nation's best
40 all-around player, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the
41 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame
42 Scholar-Athlete Award, the Sporting News Radio Socrates Award, and
43 the SEC Most Valuable Player Award. He was also a candidate for
44 the 2003 Heisman Trophy, finishing third in the voting; and



45 WHEREAS, what statistics will not show is that what Eli
46 has done off the field has been even more impressive than what he
47 did on the field. Charities in New York, New Jersey, Louisiana
48 and, especially Mississippi, have Eli and his wife Abby to thank
49 for millions upon millions of dollars of much-needed funding.
50 Here in Mississippi, the Eli Manning Children's Clinic opened in
51 2009, thanks to the leadership and support of the Manning couple,
52 who raised more than \$2.5 Million to help get it started. They
53 have been Honorary Co-Chairs of a Campaign for Children's of
54 Mississippi, led by Joe and Kathy Sanderson, which has raised more
55 than \$76 Million to date. Furthermore, the Manning Family Fund
56 for a Healthier Mississippi has provided almost \$1.3 Million in
57 support of the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC);
58 and

59 WHEREAS, Manning was born in New Orleans, the youngest of
60 three boys of Olivia and NFL quarterback Elisha Archibald "Archie"
61 Manning III, both natives of Mississippi. He is a member of Sigma
62 Nu Fraternity as was his father, and he was named Sigma Nu Athlete
63 of the Year in 2001 and 2003. In 2008, he married Abby McGrew of
64 Nashville, Tennessee. Eli and Abby have three daughters and a
65 son; and

66 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
67 football accomplishments and charitable contributions of a
68 Mississippi legend who has brought honor to his university, his
69 professional team and to the State of Mississippi:



70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
71 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
72 we do hereby commend the timeless legacy of former Ole Miss
73 record-breaking quarterback Eli Manning on the occasion of his
74 retirement after 16 seasons and two Super Bowls with the New York
75 Giants, and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
76 Legislature for future success.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
78 Eli Manning, forwarded to the Chancellor of the University of
79 Mississippi, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

