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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 MISSISSIPPI WOMENS RIFLE TEAM AND HEAD COACH MARSHA BEASLEY FOR
3 THEIR OUTSTANDING 2021 SEASON AND FOR EARNING A SHARE OF THE
4 REGULAR SEASON TITLE.

5 WHEREAS, 2021 was the University of Mississippi "Rebels"
6 Womens Rifle Team's second time ever competing as a team at a
7 National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship (NCAA) event
8 and their first in 15 years. As a team, the Rebels capped off the
9 championship by earning third-place team honors in smallbore, air
10 rifle and overall; and

11 WHEREAS, Ole Miss earned a share of the Great American Rifle
12 Conference (GARC) regular season title, along with Kentucky and
13 West Virginia. It marked the most conference wins (7) for the
14 Rebels in school history and their first conference championship.
15 Eight members of the Ole Miss Rifle Team earned a combined 16
16 honors from the Great America Rifle Conference on February 28,
17 2021, the most in program history and second-most among the nine
18 members of the conference. Sweeping the first-team all-conference
19 awards was freshman Lea Horvath. She was named to the smallbore,



20 air rifle and aggregate first-teams after ranking in the top five
21 in the conference in each discipline. Horvath was also crowned
22 GARC Rookie of the Year, given to the top freshman in the
23 conference. Kristen Derting also earned a trio of honors, the
24 first of her career. She was a member of the smallbore
25 second-team and aggregate second-team after averaging marks of
26 583.71 and 1176.86, respectively. The sophomore from Salem,
27 Oregon, earned Honorable Mention honors in air rifle. Erin Walsh
28 garnered second-team smallbore honors with a 583.17 average in
29 conference matches this season. She also secured an Honorable
30 Mention Nod in the combined average as well. Abby Buesseler
31 continued to build her legacy at Ole Miss, adding Honorable
32 Mention Smallbore Honors to her resume. Buesseler was also named
33 Ole Miss Rifle's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Wrapping up the
34 individual awards, Junior Jillian Zakrzewski collected Honorable
35 Mention Smallbore Honors, to become the fifth Rebel to be
36 recognized by the conference in that discipline. Freshman Martina
37 Gartz also made an immediate impact in her first season, securing
38 honorable mention honors in air rifle. The Rebels also swept the
39 coaches' awards, with Head Coach Marsha Beasley being named GARC
40 Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach Jean-Pierre Lucas being
41 named Assistant Coach of the Year for the second straight season.
42 Ole Miss rounded out the conference awards by winning the Team
43 Spirit Award; and



44 WHEREAS, Ole Miss climbed to the No. 1 ranking in the College
45 Rifle Coaches Association Poll on October 13, 2020, the highest
46 ranking in program history. It held the top spot in the poll for
47 three weeks. The Rebels also checked in at No. 1 again in January
48 after defeating No. 2 Kentucky; and

49 WHEREAS, the Rebels completely rewrote the record books this
50 season, setting program records in aggregate team score (4734),
51 air rifle team score (2383) and a smallbore team score that also
52 was an NCAA Record (2361); and

53 WHEREAS, on January 30, 2021, Lea Horvath shot the 12th
54 perfect air rifle score in NCAA history. She is the first Rebel
55 and the second freshman to ever achieve this feat. As a freshman,
56 Horvath had quite the showing at the NCAA Rifle Championship; and

57 WHEREAS, the Rebels recorded an average aggregate score of
58 4709.6 this season and a 40.9-point improvement from last year's
59 average (4668.7), ranking fourth in the NCAA with that mark; and

60 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss 2020-2021 Womens Championship Rifle
61 Team Roster: Abby Buesseler; Emily Cook; Sophia Cuzzo; Kristen
62 Derting; Martina Gratz; Lea Horvath; Kamilla Kisch; Claire O'Neel;
63 Megan Taylor; Erin Walsh; Jillian Zakrzewski; Head Coach Marsha
64 Beasley; and Assistant Coach Jean-Pierre Lucas; and

65 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we honor these
66 Mississippi athletes who have brought honor to their university,
67 their home communities and to the State of Mississippi:



68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
70 University of Mississippi Womens Rifle Team for their outstanding
71 2021 season and for earning a share of the regular season, and
72 extend the best wishes of the Senate to this team for future
73 success.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
75 Head Coach Marsha Beasley for the team and Ole Miss Athletic
76 Director Keith Carter, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State
77 Institutions of Higher Learning and made available to the Capitol
78 Press Corps.

