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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 527

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI "OLE MISS REBELS" WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM AND
3 COACH KORY HENKES FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST WOMEN'S NATIONAL TITLE
4 IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, it was a fairytale ending for Ole Miss Women's Golf
6 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, defeating Oklahoma
7 State 4-1 on May 26, 2021, to capture the 2021 NCAA National
8 Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, with the title, Ole Miss claimed its first National
10 Championship since the school's 1962 football title. The Rebels
11 also became the first Ole Miss women's team to claim an NCAA
12 National Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, in the final match of the season, with a National
14 Championship on the line, Sophomore Chiara Tamburlini was eager to
15 win her team a point for the first time and did just that out of
16 the third position. The Switzerland native came out strong,
17 birdieing three of her first seven holes, but more importantly,
18 building a commanding six-hole lead through nine. She conceded
19 her first hole of the day on number 10 but took a par-4 on number



20 12 to put the pressure on OSU. Not wasting any time, Tamburlini
21 won 6&5 to put the first point on the board; and

22 WHEREAS, Kennedy Swann teed off in her customary leadoff
23 spot, extended her career match play record to 10-2. Tied through
24 the first six holes in match play, the senior began to separate
25 herself. She sank an eagle on number 7 to go up and was not able
26 to be caught. Swann continued with a deep birdie and par putt to
27 go 3-up heading into the back nine. Oklahoma State managed to cut
28 the deficit to one but the Austin, Texas, product responded, going
29 stroke-for-stroke before sinking the final birdie on number 17 to
30 snag the second point and inch Ole Miss that much closer to the
31 title; and

32 WHEREAS, "It took a lot of players to buy in," said Head
33 Coach Kory Henkes. "Our team is very disciplined, and I think
34 that's what I pride us on the most. When we come out to practice,
35 we have a purpose every single day, and we hold each other
36 accountable which is the really cool part about it. We don't
37 necessarily have to push them as much as they are going to push
38 each other. I think that's the important part of team chemistry,
39 having everyone buy into the same thing"; and

40 WHEREAS, during the postseason, the Ole Miss Women's Golf
41 Team received many awards following its first national title in
42 program history. Head Coach Kory Henkes was named the 2020-2021
43 Division I Jackie Steinmann Women's Golf Coaches Association
44 "National Coach of the Year," presented by Golf Pride. Coach



45 Henkes became the first Rebel Head Coach to earn the award from
46 the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA). Ole Miss finished in
47 fourth place or better in nine of the team's 10 tournaments during
48 the 2020-2021 season, including First Place at the East Lake Cup
49 and Gators Invitational. The Top 5 Ole Miss single-round averages
50 throughout a season have all come during Coach Henkes' tenure,
51 including the 2020-2021 mark of 289.4, which ranks second in
52 program history. The nine Top 5 team finishes during the
53 2020-2021 season are also a new school record. Julia Johnson and
54 Kennedy Swann earned WGCA All-America honors, with Johnson
55 becoming the program's first-ever First-Team All-American; and

56 WHEREAS, under Coach Henkes' guidance, Julia Johnson finished
57 the season ranked number 8 individually in the NCAA by both
58 *Golfstat* and *Golfweek* and led the team in stroke average (71.34).
59 Johnson tallied five Top 5, eight Top 10 and nine Top 20 finishes
60 this season, including a fifth place individual finish at the NCAA
61 Championship; and

62 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss Woman's Golf Team earned its first-ever
63 WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award ranking 10th in the nation among
64 more than 300 NCAA Division I schools with a cumulative team grade
65 point average of 3.88 for the 2020-2021 academic year. WGCA
66 All-Scholar GPA Award Top 25 team in the same season. Four Rebels
67 were honored with the WGCA All-America Scholars: Ellen Hume
68 Andrea Lignell, Kennedy Swann and Chiara Tamburlini all earned the
69 prestigious accolade; and



70 WHEREAS, the members of the 2021 National Championship Ole
71 Miss Women's Golf Team were: Kennedy Swann, Chiara Tamburlini,
72 Julia Johnson, McKinley Cunningham, Natacha Host Husted, Ellen
73 Hume, Ellen Hutchinson-Kay, Andrea Lignell and Smilla Sonderby;
74 and Head Coach Korey Henkes and Associate Head Coach Zack Byrd;
75 and

76 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and sponsors in
77 recognizing this special group of university athletes who have
78 brought honor to their university, their community and to the
79 State of Mississippi:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
81 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
82 we do hereby commend and congratulate the University of
83 Mississippi "Ole Miss Rebels" Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory
84 Henkes for winning their first women's National Title in school
85 history, and extend to the team, coaches, parents and sponsors our
86 best wishes for continued success.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
88 Coach Kory Henkes and Ole Miss Chancellor Glenn Boyce for the
89 team, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
90 Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

