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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 532

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI QUARTERBACK MATT CORRAL FOR LEADING OLE
3 MISS TO ITS BEST REGULAR SEASON IN TEAM PROGRAM HISTORY.

4 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty and alumni of the
5 University of Mississippi in honoring Ole Miss Quarterback Matt
6 Corral as one of the best and most revered quarterbacks in school
7 football program history; and

8 WHEREAS, in two seasons under Coach Lane Kiffin, he threw for
9 6,686 yards and 49 touchdowns and ran for 1,120 yards and 15
10 touchdowns. He played through injury to lead the "Rebels" to the
11 first 10-win regular season in school history and even with his
12 Sugar Bowl injury is projected to be Ole Miss' first quarterback
13 picked in the first round of an NFL Draft since Eli Manning; and

14 WHEREAS, Matt Corral's 2021 awards and trophies are
15 legendary:

- 16 • On November 30, 2021, Junior signal-caller Matt Corral was
- 17 named the winner of the 2021 C Spire Conerly Trophy, as
- 18 Mississippi's most outstanding college football player this



19 season, the 10th Rebel to earn the award. Named after College
20 Football Hall of Famer and Ole Miss legend Charlie Conerly, the
21 only player in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) with more than
22 3,000 yards passing and 500 yards rushing this season. The 11
23 rushing TDs are the third-most ever by a Rebel quarterback in a
24 single season. He ranks ninth in the FBS in total offense
25 (327.7). He was one of just three quarterbacks nationally to have
26 thrown for at least 20 touchdowns and run for 11 or more TDs. He
27 is just the third Ole Miss quarterback in program history to tally
28 20 passing TDs in back-to-back seasons.

29 • On November 18, 2021, Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral was
30 one of the five finalists for the 2021 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm
31 Award presented by A.O. Smith. The Golden Arm Award trophy is
32 presented by the Johnny Unitas Educational Foundation President,
33 John Unitas, Jr., at the Golden Arm Award banquet and celebration
34 in Baltimore, Maryland.

35 • On November 9, 2021, Matt Corral was named semifinalist
36 for the Davey O'Brien Award. The Davey O'Brien Foundation was
37 created in 1977, and the National Quarterback Award, the oldest
38 and most prestigious college quarterback award, was first issued
39 in 1981.

40 • On December 3, 2021, Matt Corral continued to take home
41 postseason accolades as he was named one of 10 finalists for the
42 Manning Award. The Manning Award was created by the Allstate



43 Sugar Bowl in honor of the college football accomplishments of
44 Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning.

45 • On December 7, 2021 Matt Corral was one of three Ole Miss
46 Rebels who made All-Southeastern Conference distinction from the
47 league's 14 head coaches for their 2021 performances.

48 • On December 11, 2021, Matt Corral was named one of 15
49 "Players to Watch" for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award,
50 by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. The Walter Camp Player of
51 the Year is voted on by the 130 Football Bowl Subdivision head
52 coaches and sports information directors.

53 • On December 14, 2021, Matt Corral was named to the Phil
54 Steele All-American Team, his first All-American honor.

55 WHEREAS, 2021 season highlights include the following:

56 • On October 23, 2021, the iconic number 18 was retired and
57 legendary Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning was honored in a big
58 way as the Rebels (6-1, 3-1 SEC) led by Matt Corral put together a
59 dominant 31-17 Magnolia Bowl victory over the LSU Tigers in front
60 of 64,523 fans, the sixth largest crowd in Vaught-Hemingway
61 Stadium history. The Rebels finished with a balanced 470 yards of
62 total offense. Matt Corral completed 18 of 23 passes for 185
63 yards through the air.

64 • On November 20, 2021, Matt Corral threw two touchdown
65 passes in his final game at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium as the Ole
66 Miss football team defeated Vanderbilt 31-17 in SEC play. The
67 Rebels finished the 2021 season a perfect 7-0 at home, the first



68 undefeated mark on campus since 1992. In total, Ole Miss (9-2,
69 5-2 SEC) had 470 yards of total offense.

70 • On Thanksgiving Day, the No. 9-ranked Ole Miss football
71 team kept Mississippi State out of the end zone for over 52
72 minutes of play in a 31-21 Egg Bowl victory over the Bulldogs
73 inside a wet Davis Wade Stadium. The win gave Ole Miss their
74 first 10-win regular season in program history. Matt Corral
75 completed 26 of 34 passes for 234 yards and accounted for two
76 scores; and

77 WHEREAS, we admire Matt Corral's choice to play in the Sugar
78 Bowl instead of opting out and preparing for the NFL draft and
79 hereby express appreciation for his time in Oxford and the 2021
80 season he engineered, and we extend our recognition to an
81 outstanding university athlete who has brought honor to his
82 school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

83 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
84 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
85 we do hereby commend and congratulate University of Mississippi
86 Quarterback Matt Corral for leading Ole Miss to its best regular
87 season in team program history, and extend to Matt and his family
88 our best wishes for continued success in his professional football
89 career and future endeavors.

90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
91 Matt Corral and Coach Lane Kiffin representing the 2021 Ole Miss
92 Football Team, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State



93 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol
94 Press Corps.

