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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 544

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 OLYMPIAN CORY MCGEE FROM PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HER  
3 OUTSTANDING TRACK AND FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE WOMEN'S  
4 1500-METER FINAL AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS AND EXTENDING BEST  
5 WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

6 WHEREAS, we join the citizens of Pass Christian, Mississippi,  
7 and the family of Olympian Cory McGee in celebration of her  
8 outstanding Track and Field career and her accomplishments in the  
9 2020 Tokyo Olympics; and

10 WHEREAS, Pass Christian's Cory McGee put her hometown on the  
11 map on the national stage at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. In 2021 she  
12 returned home, and the former Pass Christian Pirate had become a  
13 hometown hero; and

14 WHEREAS, a trip down memory lane for first-time Olympian Cory  
15 McGee began at the track where it all began at Pass Christian High  
16 School. She still has memories of this starting place that are  
17 just as vivid as the ones she made much more recently as a member  
18 of Team USA at the 2020 Tokyo Games. There she advanced all the  
19 way to the finals of the Women's 1500-Meter race; and



20 WHEREAS, Cory explains her passion, saying she loves "to be  
21 able to represent the thing I love and the places I am from and  
22 stand on the starting line with women from all over the world."  
23 Cory's father, Jim McGee, fondly remembers that she told him when  
24 she was 11 years old she was going to the Olympics. He encouraged  
25 her, and armed with a one-track mind, Cory made it as a Silver  
26 Medalist in the Olympic qualifiers in Eugene, Oregon. Cory ran a  
27 personal best of 4 minutes and 67 hundredths of a second; and

28 WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, Olympian Cory McGee got to  
29 compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's 1500-Meter Final for a  
30 chance at Gold despite tripping in the Semifinals and not  
31 finishing high enough to qualify. McGee, who lives in Boulder,  
32 was allowed to appeal for a shot at advancing to the medal round  
33 because she argued that she was tripped, and not long after the  
34 race, she won that appeal. The final of the 1500 Meters took  
35 place August 6, 2021, and Cory placed 12th; and

36 WHEREAS, in Cory's University of Florida career, she competed  
37 for winning six Southeastern Conference Titles as a  
38 middle-distance runner. Her Olympic experience and other career  
39 highlights include:

- 40 • One-time Olympian (2020);
- 41 • Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, 12th (5000 Meter);
- 42 • 2019 USATF Indoor Championships, 3rd (mile);
- 43 • 2018 USATF Indoor Championships, 5th (1500 Meter);
- 44 • 2014 USATF Outdoor Championships, 7th (1500 Meter);



- 45 • 2014 NCAA Outdoor Championships, 2nd (1500 Meter);
- 46 • 2013 USATF Outdoor Championships, 3rd (1500 Meter);
- 47 • 2013 NCAA Outdoor Championships, 2nd (1500 Meter);
- 48 • 2011 Pan American Junior Championships, 1st (1500
- 49 Meter);
- 50 • 2011 USATF Junior National Championships, 1st (1500
- 51 Meter); and

52 WHEREAS, Cory is the daughter of James and Shawn McGee of  
53 Pass Christian. She has three sisters, began running at age 9,  
54 and she previously lived in Greece and was inspired to begin  
55 racing while watching the 2004 Olympic Games. Cory is not done  
56 yet, now just three years away from trying to punch her ticket to  
57 the 2024 Olympics. "When I first got to Tokyo, I wasn't thinking  
58 that far ahead but during the closing ceremony, I thought here we  
59 go"; and

60 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a  
61 Mississippi Olympian who has brought honor to her hometown and to  
62 the State of Mississippi:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
65 we do hereby commend and congratulate Olympian Cory McGee from  
66 Pass Christian, Mississippi, for her outstanding Track and Field  
67 accomplishment in the Women's 1500-Meter Final at the 2020 Tokyo  
68 Olympics and extend best wishes to Cory and her family as she  
69 prepares for the 2024 Olympics.



70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
71 Cory McGee and her family and be made available to the Capitol  
72 Press Corps.

