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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.

