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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI "OLE MISS REBELS" FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD
3 COACH LANE KIFFIN, INCLUDING THE ATHLETES, COACHING STAFF,
4 ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI, FOR DOMINATING PENN
5 STATE 38-25 IN THE 2023 PEACH BOWL, FOR ACHIEVING ITS FIRST 11-WIN
6 SEASON IN OLE MISS' 129 SEASONS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL, AND FOR ITS
7 TOP 10 FINAL NATIONAL RANKING.

8 WHEREAS, for the first time in Ole Miss' 129 seasons of
9 college football history, the "Rebels" won 11 games, capping the
10 season with a powerful 38-25 victory over No. 10 Penn State in the
11 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on December 30, 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, the Ole Miss (11-2) offense picked apart the
13 nation's top defense, recording the most points (38), passing
14 yards (394) and total yards (540) that Penn State (10-3) has
15 allowed this season. Those 540 yards marked the second straight
16 bowl game for Ole Miss with at least 500 yards of total offense,
17 again displaying Head Coach Lane Kiffin's offensive prowess in his
18 second New Year's Six appearance at the helm for the "Rebels"; and

19 WHEREAS, junior quarterback Jaxson Dart led the "Rebel"
20 assault, ending the day with 393 total yards, four total



21 touchdowns and no interceptions, capped by an Ole Miss bowl record
22 379 yards passing. The offensive MVP duo, Caden Prieskorn and Tre
23 Harris, helped him out greatly, combining for 270 yards and two
24 touchdowns on the day, with Prieskorn ending with an Ole Miss bowl
25 record 10 receptions, and both Prieskorn (136) and Harris (134)
26 falling just shy of the "Rebel" bowl record of 137 receiving
27 yards; and

28 WHEREAS, on the ground, sophomore back Quinshon Judkins was
29 excellent, ending with 120 all-purpose yards and one touchdown,
30 including 106 yards on the ground, only the second 100-yard game
31 allowed by the Penn State defense this season. Judkins concludes
32 his sophomore campaign third on the Ole Miss career rushing list
33 at 2,725 yards through two highly productive seasons. Senior
34 defensive end and MVP Jared Ivey led the way for the Landshark
35 defense, ending the day with five tackles, two tackles for loss
36 and two pass breakups; and

37 WHEREAS, keeping the ball on the ground to start the game,
38 Penn State marched 64 yards down the field, but the "Rebel"
39 defense held strong in the red zone and forced a field goal to
40 give the "Nittany Lions" a 3-0 lead at 9:17; and

41 WHEREAS, after the first drive, quarterback Jaxson Dart
42 marched the offense into Penn State territory to set up a 36-yard
43 field goal by Caden Davis to tie the game at 3-3. With points on
44 the board and momentum behind them, the "Rebels" forced a punt and
45 put the ball back in the hands of their offense. Faced with a



46 fourth-and-one from the Penn State 47, Lane Kiffin reached into
47 his bag of tricks. Defensive tackle, J.J. Pegues took the direct
48 snap and pitched the ball to wideout Jordan Watkins, who rolled
49 left and hit a wide-open Dart for a gain of 15 yards. Three plays
50 later, the "Rebels'" signal caller found Prieskon for a six-yard
51 touchdown pass to give Ole Miss a 10-3 lead. As the first quarter
52 came to a close, Penn State quickly got into scoring position with
53 a 75-yard pass and tied the game at 10 with 13:34 remaining in the
54 second quarter. The "Rebels" quickly responded to retake the lead
55 at 13-10, with a 45-yard field goal from Davis at 10:33; and

56 WHEREAS, looking for a big play on defense, senior defensive
57 back Daijahn Anthony snagged the game's first takeaway. He picked
58 off Penn State's Drew Allar on a deep ball at the Ole Miss 17, his
59 third interception of the season, to put the ball back in his
60 offense's hands. Scoring on each of their previous three drives,
61 Dart and the "Rebels" were in rhythm offensively. Prieskorn
62 pulled in a one-handed snag on the sideline; Judkins converted a
63 key fourth down around the midfield and Dart capped off the
64 nine-play drive with a 37-yard strike to his tight end to make it
65 a two-score game with 4:58 left on the clock; and

66 WHEREAS, for the second half, Ole Miss looked to leave no
67 doubt. The defense forced three consecutive three-and-outs, while
68 Dart and the offense methodically picked apart the top defense in
69 college football. The "Rebels" extended their lead with a 52-yard
70 field goal from Davis in the third quarter, followed by a 14-yard



71 touchdown reception by Judkins and a successful two-point
72 conversion by Prieskorn to go up 31-17 at 4:10 in the third
73 quarter. Back with the ball on offense in the 4th quarter, Dart
74 once again marched the "Rebels" down the field. He connected with
75 Harris for a big gain, putting him over the 100-yard mark, and
76 found the end zone rushing from two yards out to cap off the
77 scoring at 38. Penn State later added another score and a
78 two-point conversion to make it 38-26, but it was not as Ole Miss
79 was crowned 2023 Peach Bowl Champions; and

80 WHEREAS, Ole Miss is now 2-1 all-time in the Peach Bowl, as
81 well as 25-15 all-time in bowl games. The Peach Bowl marked Ole
82 Miss' fourth New Year's Six bowl appearances, which ranks third in
83 the SEC behind Alabama (9) and Georgia (7), Ole Miss ranks tied
84 for fifth with Alabama and USC all-time in bowl winning percentage
85 (.625), tied for 13th in wins (25) and tied for 20th in
86 appearances (41); and

87 WHEREAS, Ole Miss ended the 2023-2024 season top 10 in the
88 final national rankings, coming in at No. 9 in the Amway coaches
89 poll and No. 9 in the Associated Press poll. It is the "Rebels'"
90 first top-10 final ranking since the 1969 season (No. 8 AP); and

91 WHEREAS, the members of the 2023 Ole Miss Football Team are:
92 Joshua Harris, Ayden Williams, Isheem Young, Jaxson Dart, Cedric
93 Johnson, Daijahn Anthony, Spencer Sanders, Quinshon Judkins,
94 Suntarine Perkins, Zakhari Franklin, John Saunders, Jr., Zamari
95 Walton, Walker Howard, Deantre Prince, Jam Griffin, Monty



96 Montgomery, DeShawn Gaddie, Jr., Tre Harris, Jeremiah
97 Jean-Baptiste, Jordan Watkins, Bralon Brown, Fraser Masin, Austin
98 Simmons, Ladarius Tennison, Deljay Bailey, Demarko Williams, J.J.
99 Henry, Jared Ivey, Braden Waterman, Teja Young, Richard O'Bryant,
100 Davin Wydner, Dayton Wade, Joshua Aka, TJ Dudley, Daniel Demery,
101 Kedrick Reescano, Jarell Stinson, Drew Burnett, Khari Coleman,
102 Ulysses Bentley, IV, Trey Washington, Taylor Groves, Jalen Knox,
103 Lex Boucvalt, Jadon Canady, Nick Cull, Rayf Vinson, Fred McAfee,
104 Trip White, Torian Kelly, Calvin Wilson, Chris Graves, Jr.,
105 Antione Johnson, Mac Owen, Tyler Banks, Reginald Hughes and Head
106 Coach Lane Kiffin; and

107 WHEREAS, the 2023 University of Mississippi Football Team has
108 brought great pride and honor to loyal fans of the University of
109 Mississippi and to the State of Mississippi:

110 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
111 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
112 we do hereby celebrate and congratulate the University of
113 Mississippi "Ole Miss Rebels" Football Team and Head Coach Lane
114 Kiffin, including the athletes, coaching staff, administration,
115 faculty, students and alumni, for dominating Penn State 38-25 in
116 the 2023 Peach Bowl, for achieving its first 11-win season in Ole
117 Miss' 129 seasons of college football and for its top 10 final
118 national ranking and extend our best wishes for future success.



119 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby recognize the
120 University of Mississippi for its excellence as an institution of
121 higher education.

122 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
123 the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, Dr. Glenn F.
124 Boyce, the Athletic Director of the University of Mississippi,
125 Keith Carter, the Head Coach of the Ole Miss Football Team, Lane
126 Kiffin, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
127 of Higher Learning and be made available to the Capitol Press
128 Corps.

