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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

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 WINNING THE 2024  
5 TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL AND FOR CONSECUTIVE 10-WIN SEASON VICTORIES.

6 WHEREAS, the 2024 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl on January 4, 2025, in  
7 Jacksonville, Florida, was a complete victory for the No. 14 Ole  
8 Miss Rebels Football Team, as they dominated Duke 52-20, leading  
9 from wire-to-wire to finish the 2024 season at 10-3 (5-3 in SEC  
10 play); and

11 WHEREAS, this season was the first time since 1959-1960 that  
12 the Rebels had back-to-back 10-win seasons, just the second time  
13 in school history, and they have won 10 games in three of the last  
14 four seasons under Head Coach Lane Kiffin. The Rebels improved to  
15 27-15 on the field in bowl games, including 13-4 in their last 17  
16 games. Ole Miss football was ranked 11th by the Associated Press.  
17 The Rebels finished ranked in the top 15 for the third time in  
18 four years under Coach Lane Kiffin; and



19 WHEREAS, Ole Miss outgained Duke 589 to 280, holding the Blue  
20 Devils to just 44 yards rushing despite zero Rebel sacks figuring  
21 into the numbers. The Rebel offense racked up 438 yards through  
22 the air and 151 on the ground, while Duke threw for 236; and

23 WHEREAS, quarterback Jaxson Dart was outstanding in his final  
24 game as a Rebel, going 27-for-35 through the air and rushing 12  
25 times for 447 yards of total offense, four touchdowns and no  
26 interceptions. Jaxson Dart would go on to be selected to the  
27 All-SEC First Team; and

28 WHEREAS, in the Gator Bowl, Ulysses Bentley IV led the  
29 rushing efforts with 70 yards and two scores on 14 carries.  
30 Jordan Watkins had a team-high 180 receiving yards with two  
31 touchdowns. Cayden Lee caught eight team-high passes and Dae'Quan  
32 Wright turned in a phenomenal game with three catches for 73 yards  
33 and a touchdown. Trey Washington paced the Rebel defense with 10  
34 tackles. Ole Miss had a rare sack-free game but racked up a  
35 staggering 15 quarterback hurries, including five for Jared Ivey,  
36 four for Princely Umanmielen and three by Khari Coleman. Isaiah  
37 Hamilton highlighted a stifling defensive effort with an  
38 interception return for a touchdown; and

39 WHEREAS, the Gator Bowl goes down as the most points scored  
40 in a bowl game in Ole Miss history and also secures the Rebels  
41 their third double-digit win season in four years. The highlight  
42 of the 2024 season was the 28-10 thrashing of then No. 3 Georgia  
43 to keep their playoff dreams alive. Also, Jaxson Dart now holds



44 just about every offense record in Ole Miss history and is one of  
45 just four SEC quarterbacks to surpass 12,000 total yards; and

46 WHEREAS, the 2024 University of Mississippi Football Team has  
47 brought great pride and honor to Ole Miss, loyal fans of the  
48 University of Mississippi and to the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
51 we do hereby celebrate and congratulate the University of  
52 Mississippi Ole Miss Rebels Football Team and Head Coach Lane  
53 Kiffin, including the athletes, coaching staff, administration,  
54 faculty, students and alumni, for winning the 2024 TaxSlayer Gator  
55 Bowl and for consecutive 10-win seasons.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
57 the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, Glenn F. Boyce,  
58 the Athletic Director of the University of Mississippi, Keith  
59 Carter, the Head Coach of the Ole Miss Football Team, Lane Kiffin,  
60 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and  
61 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

