

By: Senator(s) Michel, Lee, Dearing,
Furniss, Thames, Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EARL
2 LEGGETT, ALL-STAR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN FROM HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 WHOSE NFL CAREER SPANNED SEVERAL DECADES, UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO
4 THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF
5 2002.

6 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
7 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2002 of the 40th
8 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, which features Earl
9 Leggett, All-Star defensive lineman who played at Hinds Community
10 College and Louisiana State University before launching an NFL
11 career that spanned several decades; and

12 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: born in
13 Palatka, Florida, near Jacksonville, Florida, Earl was an athletic
14 sensation at Jacksonville's Robert E. Lee High School; attended
15 Hinds Junior College from 1951-1954 where he was a JUCO All
16 American; member of the Eagles team that defeated El Camino CC in
17 the "Little Rose Bowl" in 1954; played at LSU from 1955-1956; UPI
18 and AP First Team All SEC tackle in 1955; played in the Blue-Gray
19 Game, the Senior Bowl and the Chicago All-Star game; first round
20 draft choice of the Chicago Bears in the 1957 NFL draft; member of
21 the "Monsters of the Midway" defense for nine years; played in the
22 1963 NFL championship game against the New York Giants, a 14-10
23 win by the Bears; played one season with the Los Angeles Rams and
24 the "Fearsome Foursome" in 1966; concluded his twelve-year playing
25 career with the New Orleans Saints; famed defensive line assistant
26 coach in the NFL who roamed the sidelines for teams at Seattle,
27 San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Denver, New York and
28 Washington; coached in three Super Bowls, two with Oakland and one



29 with Denver; taught NFL All Pro players such as Lyle Alzado and
30 Howie Long; member of three athletic Halls of Fame, including
31 Hinds Community College, Jacksonville, Florida, and the National
32 Junior College Hall of Fame; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
34 outstanding athlete who has brought honor to his university and to
35 the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Earl Leggett, All-Star
39 defensive lineman from Hinds Community College whose NFL career
40 spanned several decades, upon his induction into the 40th
41 Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2002, and
42 wish him and his family continued success in all their future
43 endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to Earl Leggett at induction ceremonies to be held on
46 April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and be made available
47 to the Capitol Press Corps.

