

By: Senator(s) Michel, Johnson (38th),
Blackmon, Dawkins, Walls, Dearing, Frazier,
Farris, Horhn, Simmons, Harden, Jackson,
Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 576

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LATE T.B. ELLIS, JR.,
2 THE "FATHER OF JACKSON STATE ATHLETICS", UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
3 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTION INTO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSISSIPPI SPORTS
4 HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2002.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and Mississippi Sports
6 Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2002 of the Mississippi
7 Sports Hall of Fame, which features the late T.B. Ellis, Jr.,
8 longtime coach and athletic director and the "Father of Jackson
9 State University Athletics"; and

10 WHEREAS, his sports career is a matter of record: the man
11 from Jackson regarded as the "Father of Jackson State Athletics";
12 longtime coach and athletic director for Tiger sports programs
13 from 1946 until his retirement in 1977; served as head coach for
14 football, basketball and baseball at JSU; guided Jackson State's
15 entry into the SWAC; Tiger athletic teams won SWAC titles in
16 football, baseball, basketball, golf, cross country, indoor and
17 outdoor track under Coach Ellis' supervision; JSU athletic teams
18 won 18 conference championships while Ellis served as athletic
19 director; also a member of the Jackson State, SWAC and the
20 National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors Hall of
21 Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
23 outstanding coach and athletic director who brought honor to his
24 university and to the State of Mississippi:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
26 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
27 we do hereby commend and congratulate the late T.B. Ellis, Jr.,
28 longtime coach and athletic director and the "Father of Jackson



29 State University Athletics," upon his posthumous induction into
30 the 40th Anniversary Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Class of
31 2002, and wish his family continued success in all their future
32 endeavors.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
34 presented to the family of T.B. Ellis, Jr., in induction
35 ceremonies to be held on April 19, 2002, in Vicksburg,
36 Mississippi, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

