

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. WILFRED COLE
2 OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO
3 THE MISSISSIPPI TENNIS HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, The Tennis Foundation of Mississippi recently
5 announced the selection of Dr. Wilfred Cole for induction into the
6 Mississippi Tennis Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Cole was a member of Central High School's
8 tennis team. He enrolled in the University of Mississippi in 1942
9 but entered the Army in 1943, where he became a staff sergeant and
10 light machine gun squad leader. He went into combat and received
11 two Combat Stars and one Bronze Star; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1946, he returned to Ole Miss, but completed
13 medical school at the University of Virginia in 1951. Dr. Cole
14 was a pediatric resident at the University of Alabama from 1951 to
15 1954, then began his pediatric practice. He taught pediatrics at
16 the University of Mississippi Medical Center, then went to Duke
17 University on a pediatric allergy fellowship in 1961; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Cole returned to UMC and started the Cystic
19 Fibrosis and Pediatric Allergy Clinics. He also founded the
20 Mississippi Allergy Clinic. When he retired from the clinic as
21 Professor of Pediatrics in 1965, Dr. Cole began playing tennis at
22 Battlefield Park; and

23 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Board of Directors at River
24 Hills and later President. He played serious tennis from 1969
25 until 1983 and was ranked 23 times in the State of Mississippi,
26 three of which were number one rankings and five times in the
27 Southern Section. From 1973 through 1974 he was elected President



28 of the Mississippi Tennis Association. After foot surgery and a
29 cardiac bypass, Dr. Cole began playing for the pure enjoyment of
30 the sport; and

31 WHEREAS, he became Tournament Chairman of Southern Seniors
32 Championship in 1984 and 1991 and Tournament Chairman of National
33 Clay Court Championship in 1992; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
35 athletic and career accomplishments of this active Mississippian
36 who has brought honor to his city and his state as a veteran, as a
37 distinguished physician and as a sportsman, and who is an
38 inspiration to young and old tennis players alike:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr.
41 Wilfred Cole of Jackson, Mississippi, upon the occasion of his
42 induction into the Mississippi Tennis Hall of Fame, and wish him
43 continued success in his future endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to Dr. Cole and his family, be forwarded to the Tennis
46 Foundation of Mississippi and be made available to the Capitol
47 Press Corps.

