

By: Senator(s) Walls, Hamilton, Browning,  
Chaney, Dearing, Frazier, Gordon, Minor,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 619

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING LATOYA THOMAS ON HER  
2 STELLAR COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL CAREER AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON  
3 BEING SELECTED THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE  
4 SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas, a native of Greenville, Mississippi,  
6 and a Senior on the Mississippi State University Lady Bulldogs  
7 Basketball Team has had a collegiate basketball career that can  
8 only be characterized as stellar; and

9 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas was recently selected by the  
10 Associated Press as Player of the Year for the second consecutive  
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas was also named Southeastern Conference  
13 (SEC) Player of the Year by the coaches of the SEC and was the  
14 first Lady Bulldog to receive this honor; and

15 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas was a unanimous selection to the  
16 All-SEC First Team; and

17 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas has been named to the Associated Press  
18 All-SEC team all four years of her career; and

19 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas is the first athlete to earn both the  
20 Associated Press SEC Newcomer of the Year Award and the Associated  
21 Press SEC Player of the Year Award in her career; and

22 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas led the SEC in scoring for four  
23 straight years and in her senior year leads with her highest  
24 season average at 25.6 points per game; and

25 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas' leadership on the floor and  
26 willingness to work on all aspects of the game have placed her in  
27 the top ten in many SEC categories, including scoring, offensive



28 rebounds, defensive rebounds, free-throw percentage, field goal  
29 percentage, and rebounding; and

30 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas, a three-time Kodak All-American, has  
31 also been named a Wade Trophy Finalist, Naismith Player of the  
32 Year Finalist, Senior Class Award Finalist and a Creamland Dairies  
33 Collegiate Basketball Student Athlete of the Year semifinalist;  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas' basketball exploits will be the  
36 benchmark by which future players will be measured; and

37 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas' contributions have brought the  
38 women's basketball program of Mississippi State University into  
39 national prominence; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the  
41 athletic excellence and contributions of student athletes, such as  
42 LaToya Thomas, who has brought well-deserved credit to herself,  
43 Mississippi State University and the State of Mississippi and who  
44 has brought the MSU women's basketball program into national  
45 prominence:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
48 we do hereby commend LaToya Thomas for her stellar basketball  
49 career and congratulate her upon her second consecutive Associated  
50 Press Player of the Year honor.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
52 presented to LaToya Thomas and be make available to the Capitol  
53 Press Corps.

