

By: Senator(s) Michel, Clarke, Dearing,
Gordon, Little, Moffatt

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 542

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HAL
2 EASTERWOOD, ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL CENTER FROM EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI,
3 UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CLASS
4 OF 2005.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson Touchdown Club and the Mississippi
6 Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled the Class of 2005 of the
7 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, which features Hal Easterwood,
8 All-American football center for Mississippi State University and
9 outstanding high school coach from Eupora, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, an All-Conference four-sport letterman at Eupora
11 High, Hal Easterwood was a star lineman for Mississippi State from
12 1952-1954; coached by Murray Warmath and college football Hall of
13 Fame member Darrell Royal at MSU, he was one of the fastest
14 lineman in college football and also played linebacker for the
15 Maroons; and

16 WHEREAS, he served in the military from 1950-1951; his MSU
17 teammates included Mississippi State Hall of Fame members Art
18 Davis, Jackie Parker, Scott Suber, Bobby Collins and Joe
19 Fortunato; he helped MSU compile a record of 16-10-3 with an SEC
20 ledger of 9-8-3 during his career; he was named First Team All-SEC
21 by AP and 2nd team by UPI in 1954; he also made AP and UPI 2nd
22 team All-SEC squad in 1953 and was chosen as the SEC's Most
23 Valuable Lineman by the Birmingham Touchdown Club in 1953 and
24 played in the 1954 Blue-Gray All-Star game and the 1955 Senior
25 Bowl; and

26 WHEREAS, Hal was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the
27 12th round of the 1954 NFL draft, but opted for a coaching career,
28 becoming Head Football and Track Coach at Columbus Lee, Assistant

29 Football Coach and Head Track Coach at Gardiner High and R.H.
30 Watkins High in Laurel, Mississippi, and Assistant Principal and
31 Director of Guidance for Laurel City Schools; and

32 WHEREAS, Senator Easterwood served a term in the Mississippi
33 Senate; he was an active member of the Kiwanis Club, Mississippi
34 Association of Coaches, United Givers Fund and the Mississippi
35 State M-Club; and

36 WHEREAS, he was inducted as a charter member of the
37 Mississippi State Bulldog Athletic Hall of Fame in 1970; 15 of the
38 19 charter inductees with Hal are members including Hughie Critz,
39 Willie Mitchell, Boo Ferriss, Tranny Gaddy, Gatch Gatchell, Shorty
40 McWilliams, Dudy Noble, Don Magruder Scott, W.O. Spencer, Billy
41 Stacy, H.L. "Hook" Stone, Clyde "Heifer" Stuart, P.L. Wells and
42 Pat Wilson; and

43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
44 outstanding athlete and coach who has brought honor to his
45 community, his university and to the State of Mississippi:

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 and congratulate Hal Easterwood, All-American
49 football center for the Mississippi State University "Bulldogs"
50 and High School Coach from Eupora, Mississippi, upon his induction
51 into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2005, and wish
52 him and his family continued success in all their future
53 endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
55 Coach Easterwood at induction ceremonies, and be made available to
56 the Capitol Press Corps.