

By: Senator(s) Michel, Chaney, Tollison,
Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TODD ABERNETHY FOR
2 BEING NAMED SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE "SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR" FOR
3 2005.

4 WHEREAS, Todd Abernethy, 6-foot-1 Sophomore Guard for the
5 University of Mississippi Basketball Team, has been a steadying
6 force off the bench, often supplying Ole Miss with whatever
7 ingredient the team is lacking early on in games; and

8 WHEREAS, sometimes, it's shooting; other times, it's
9 ball-handling; but on every occasion, it's heart and relentless
10 hustle; and

11 WHEREAS, Abernethy's move from starting Point Guard as a
12 Freshman to back-up combo Guard as a Sophomore paid off Wednesday,
13 March 9, 2005, when he was named Southeastern Conference's Sixth
14 Man of the Year for 2005; and

15 WHEREAS, Abernethy averaged 8.4 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.7
16 assists in just under 28 minutes a game. He played in 29 games in
17 the 2004-2005 season and drew eight starts. Abernethy beat three
18 others for the award, which was voted on by the SEC's 12 Head
19 Coaches; and

20 WHEREAS, during a volatile season in which Ole Miss endured a
21 number of heartbreaking losses, saw leading scorers slip into
22 lengthy slumps and had seldom-used backups emerge as starters,
23 Todd has been one constant for the Rebels; and

24 WHEREAS, Todd hit two clutch free throws vs. the University
25 of South Carolina in the final seconds to secure the Rebel victory
26 in the SEC (2005) Tournament (53-52); and

27 WHEREAS, Abernethy led Ole Miss in scoring six times this
28 season; and

29 WHEREAS, Todd Abernethy's hometown is Carmel, Indiana, where
30 he attended Heritage Christian High School; he made the 2004 SEC
31 All-Freshman Team, the 2004 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll, the
32 Chancellor's Honor Roll and the UMAA Honor Roll; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
34 dedication and heart and soul style of play demonstrated by this
35 student athlete who has brought honor to his hometown, his
36 university and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Todd
39 Abernethy, Ole Miss Basketball Team Sophomore Guard, upon being
40 named the Southeastern Conference "Sixth Man of the Year" for
41 2005, and extend to him the best wishes of the Senate for his
42 future athletic and academic success.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 Todd Abernethy, forwarded to Ole Miss Basketball Coach Rod Barnes
45 and Chancellor Robert Khayat, and be made available to the Capitol
46 Press Corps.
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