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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 537

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JERIOUS NORWOOD FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS CONERLY TROPHY IN RECOGNITION OF BEING THE BEST COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Jerious Norwood is the 2005 recipient of the Conerly Trophy recognizing him as the best college football player in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Jerious Norwood set the Mississippi State University single game rushing record with 257 rushing yards against Houston; and

WHEREAS, Jerious Norwood also holds the career rushing title at Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Jerious Norwood ended his stellar collegiate career with 204 rushing yards and a four touchdown performance against arch-rival Ole Miss in the Bulldogs' decisive victory in the 2005 Egg Bowl; and

WHEREAS, as Jerious Norwood stood on the dais in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum holding the Conerly Trophy, his mind was hundreds of miles away, with his grandmother, Jinnie Proctor; and

WHEREAS, Jerious stated, "My grandmother practically raised me. I wish she could be here; she always told me to follow my heart. I try to do what I can to make her proud"; and

WHEREAS, Jerious Norwood has not only made his grandmother proud, but the entire sports community of the State of Mississippi is proud of this talented and dedicated student athlete; and

WHEREAS, it is with pride that the Legislature recognizes this remarkable student athlete who has brought honor to his sport, his family, his university and the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Jerious Norwood upon winning the coveted and prestigious Conerly Trophy recognizing him as the best college player in the State of Mississippi and wish him success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Jerious Norwood and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.