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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 609

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
 2 ALL-WORLD WIDE RECEIVER JERRY LEE RICE FROM CRAWFORD, MISSISSIPPI,  
 3 UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME, CLASS  
 4 OF 2007.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame has unveiled the  
 6 Class of 2007, which features Jerry Lee Rice from Crawford,  
 7 Mississippi, All-SWAC wide receiver from Mississippi Valley State  
 8 University and All-Pro Star Wide Receiver for the San Francisco  
 9 49ers, Oakland Raiders, Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos; and

10 WHEREAS, Jerry's nickname is "World" as in "All World" which  
 11 he picked up during his college days at Mississippi Valley State  
 12 University. The nickname was coined in part by the MVSU P.A.  
 13 announcer and also described Jerry's catching abilities as he  
 14 could "catch anything in the world." He was one-half of the famed  
 15 "Satellite Express" along with Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame  
 16 member Willie Totten, who was the Delta Devil Quarterback  
 17 nicknamed "Satellite"; and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry Rice performed in front of the largest crowd  
 19 in the history of Mississippi collegiate football as Mississippi  
 20 Valley State University took on Alcorn State University in  
 21 Jackson, Mississippi, on October 27, 1984. A jammed-pack Memorial  
 22 Stadium featured over 64,000 fans witnessed Alcorn Braves defeat  
 23 Jerry's Delta Devils 42-28, despite the game's availability on  
 24 free local television; and

25 WHEREAS, Jerry Rice's football highlights include the  
 26 following:

- 27 • Inducted College Football Hall of Fame, August 12, 2006;
- 28 • Inducted into SWAC Athletic Hall of Fame, December, 2005,

29 Named to the SBN Sports Network Black College Football  
30 All-Time team;

31 • Magnolia Stadium at Mississippi Valley State University  
32 name changed to "Rice-Totten" Stadium in honor of Rice  
33 and Quarterback Willie Totten, 1999;

34 NFL CAREER TOTALS (1985-2005):

35 • Played in 303 games (started 284);

36 • Retired with 38 career NFL records (16 regular season, 9  
37 postseason, 11 Super Bowl, 2 Pro Bowl)

38 • 13-time All-Pro;

39 • 1st in career receptions with 1,549;

40 • 1st in receiving yards with 22,895;

41 • 1st in receiving TDs with 197;

42 • 1st in NFL in total TDs scored with 208;

43 • Recorded more yards from scrimmage (23,540) and combined  
44 yards (23,546) than any player in NFL history;

45 • Denver Broncos, 2005, announced retirement from the NFL  
46 after 20-year career;

47 • Seattle Seahawks, 2004, played 6 games for Oakland and 11  
48 for Seattle in 2004, one of only four players since 1933  
49 to play 17 games in a single season;

50 • Oakland Raiders, 2001 to 2004, played in one Super Bowl  
51 (2003) in three seasons (2001-2003);

52 • San Francisco 49ers, 1985 to 2000, three Super Bowl  
53 Championships (1985-1990), retired as all-time receiving  
54 record holder for franchise in every category:

55 ▶ Set NFL single-season receiving yardage record in  
56 1995 with 1,848 yards;

57 ▶ Set NFL single-season record with 22 TD catches in  
58 1987;

59 ▶ Caught a pass in NFL-record 274 consecutive games  
60 from his rookie year in 1985 through September, 2004;

61 ▶ Recorded 100 or more yards receiving in NFL-record 76

62 regular season games in addition to owning  
63 league-best 8 postseason 100-yard receiving games;  
64 ▶ Owns NFL records with fourteen 1,000-yard receiving  
65 seasons and four 100 catch seasons (three  
66 consecutively 1994-1996);  
67 ▶ First round pick (#16) in 1985 NFL Draft; only first  
68 round NFL pick in MVSU history through 2005;  
69 ▶ Played in Blue-Gray game, 1984, Montgomery, AL, MVP;  
70 ▶ Played in Freedom Bowl All-Star game;  
71 • Mississippi Valley State Delta Devils, 1981-1984, helped  
72 Mississippi Valley compile a record of 21-9-1, including  
73 school best mark of 9-2 in 1984;  
74 Set many NCAA 1-AA, SWAC and MVSU records that still stand:  
75 still ranks in top 5 categories in NCAA receiving records and  
76 still holds numerous NCAA records, among them:  
77 ▶ Most catches in single game (24);  
78 ▶ Most receptions in season (103);  
79 ▶ Most career receiving yards (4,693);  
80 ▶ Most points in a career (310);  
81 ▶ Most TDs in a game (5);  
82 ▶ Most TD receptions in a season (27); and

83 Three-time All-SWAC receiver; 1,000 + yards of receptions for  
84 three consecutive years; and

85 WHEREAS, Jerry played high school football at B.L. Moore  
86 (East Oktibbeha) High School, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, 1977  
87 to 1981; and

88 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
89 football icon from Mississippi who has brought great honor to his  
90 community, university and to the State of Mississippi:

91 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
92 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
93 we do hereby commend and congratulate All-World Wide Receiver  
94 Jerry Lee Rice from Crawford, Mississippi, upon his induction into

95 the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2007, and wish him  
96 and his family continued success in all their future endeavors.

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
98 Jerry Rice at induction ceremonies on July 27-28, 2007, and be  
99 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.