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Reynolds, Robinson (84th), Rogers (14th), Rotenberry, Shows, Simpson,
Staples, Stevens, Sullivan, Vince, Woods, Upshaw, Bentz, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELISHA (ELI) MANNING FOR
2 HIS ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS QUARTERBACK FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
3 MISSISSIPPI REBELS FOOTBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, Elisha (Eli) Manning, senior quarterback for the
5 University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) Rebels Football Team, has
6 brought great honor, pride and recognition to himself, the Rebels
7 Football Team, the university and its many fans for his many
8 accomplishments; and

9 WHEREAS, the son of former Ole Miss famed quarterback, Archie
10 Manning, and brother of the Indianapolis Colts quarterback, Peyton
11 Manning, Eli has continued the long-standing family tradition of
12 athletic excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, in the 2004 SBC Cotton Bowl Classic, Eli was
14 selected Offensive Player of the Game; and

15 WHEREAS, Eli also earned first team All-America honors as
16 well as being named to first team All-SEC; and

17 WHEREAS, for his outstanding display of athleticism and
18 sportsmanship, Eli received the Maxwell Award as the nation's top
19 player, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top
20 senior quarterback and the Conerly Trophy as Mississippi's Player
21 of the Year, in addition to being named a finalist for the Heisman
22 Trophy; and

23 WHEREAS, Eli was selected as Mississippi's Amateur Athlete of
24 the Year by the Jackson Touchdown Club, chosen as the 2003 Sports
25 Person of the Year in Mississippi by *The Clarion-Ledger* and
26 received the Colonel Earl (Red) Blaik Leadership Award from the
27 All-America Football Foundation; and

28 WHEREAS, Eli was named Southeastern Conference Player of the
29 Year, SEC Offensive Player of the Year, Birmingham Monday Morning
30 Quarterback Club's SEC Most Valuable Back and the Touchdown Club
31 of Atlanta Southeast's Top Offensive Back; and

32 WHEREAS, the recipient of an \$18,000.00 postgraduate
33 scholarship for being selected as one of 15 student athletes to
34 receive the Scholar-Athlete Award from the National Football
35 Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Eli received the NCAA's
36 highest student-athlete honor upon being named one of the NCAA's
37 Today's Top VIII, and was also chosen to receive the 2003 Sporting
38 News Radio Socrates Award, which recognizes a collegiate student
39 athlete who demonstrates excellence in academics, athletics and
40 citizenship; and

41 WHEREAS, as the Rebels' quarterback, Eli led the Southeastern
42 Conference in passing average with 276.9 yards and total offense
43 with 274.8 yards per game, setting 47 Ole Miss single-game, season
44 and career records, and becoming the fifth quarterback in SEC
45 history to throw for 10,000 yards in a career as he finished with
46 10,119 passing yards, ranking fifth on the SEC's all-time list;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, Eli was the No. 1 overall selection in the 2004
49 National Football League draft, being chosen by the San Diego
50 Chargers and then traded to the New York Giants, the highest
51 selection ever for any Ole Miss player; and

52 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that this Legislature
53 commends the outstanding talents of a truly remarkable athlete and
54 scholar such as Eli Manning, whose refined skills and execution
55 has brought great honor and pride to himself, Ole Miss and the
56 State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Eli Manning for his outstanding
60 athletic accomplishments as quarterback for the Ole Miss Rebels

61 Football Team and extend our heartiest wishes for continued
62 success in all his future athletic and professional endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Eli Manning, the University of Mississippi and to the
65 members of the Capitol Press Corps.