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***SENATE***  
***CONCURRENT RESOLUTION***  
***No. 642***

Originated in Senate

*Hemanth Gunes*

Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN FORWARD VERONICA WALKER FOR RECEIVING THE 2011 CELLULAR SOUTH GILLOM TROPHY.

WHEREAS, Delta State University junior All-American forward and two-time Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year Veronica Walker has been named the recipient of the 2011 Cellular South GilloM Trophy, awarded annually to Mississippi's top collegiate woman basketball player. DSU's Jennifer Rushing won the inaugural honor in 2008; and

WHEREAS, for the second consecutive season, Delta State forward Veronica Walker earned the West Division Player of the Year Award. Walker, who also was the West Division's top freshman two seasons ago, dominated the paint this season for the Lady Statesmen; and

WHEREAS, the junior from Indianola, Mississippi, leads the GSC in field goal percentage (.637), rebounds (9.8), blocked shots (60) and double-doubles (15). She is also third in scoring (18.3) and fourth in free throw percentage (80.5). She was named West Division Player of the Week three times - tied for the most this season; and

WHEREAS, in just 92 games, the Indianola native has scored 1,547 points to rank 10th in school history while grabbing 774 rebounds, which is good for 12th. The Gentry High School graduate is averaging 18.3 points, 9.8 boards and 2.4 blocks per game heading into the GSC Tournament, including 19.5 points and 10.8 rebounds against GSC competition; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the 2011 awards was announced Monday, March 7, 2011, in a luncheon ceremony at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in Jackson, where all finalists and their head coaches were in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the No. 5 Lady Statesmen (24.2, 12-2 GSC) of Delta State University are beginning their quest for the conference title at the GSC Tournament, hosted by the City of Southaven at the DeSoto Civic Center March 3-6. The Lady Statesmen lead the all-time series 38-3. The recently named Player of the Year Veronica Walker led Delta State's regular season efforts. Walker, who is the recipient of the honor in two consecutive years, currently leads the Lady Statesmen in scoring (18.3 ppg), rebounds (9.8 rpg) and blocked shots (2.3 bpg). The Lady Statesmen Basketball Team owns 15 conference titles. No other team in the GSC comes close to this amount, as DSU owns more league crowns than the rest of the membership combined; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend this outstanding achievement by an athlete who has brought honor to her university, her community and to 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 recognize and salute Delta State University Junior All-American and two-time Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year Veronica Walker upon being named the recipient of the 2011 Cellular South Gillom Trophy, awarded to Mississippi's top collegiate woman basketball player, and extend to Veronica and her coaches and parents our best wishes on this auspicious occasion and for her future athletic successes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Veronica Walker and Delta State Coach Sandra Rushing, forwarded to

the President of Delta State University and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
March 18, 2011

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
March 23, 2011

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES