

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY
2 COMMISSION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
3 MISSISSIPPI'S SUMMER LIBRARY READING PROGRAM.

4 WHEREAS, to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Mississippi's
5 Summer Library Reading Program, children's librarians throughout
6 the state selected "Mississippi Magic" as the theme for the Summer
7 of 1999; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Jean Hudspeth and Ms. Lynn F. Shurden have
9 coordinated the development of this annual program which includes
10 the selection of art work; development of the planning manual;
11 distribution of posters, bookmarks and certificates; and
12 presentation of training workshops based on the theme; and

13 WHEREAS, the art work for "Mississippi Magic 1999" has been
14 created by the art classes in the Carroll County School District
15 which includes students grades seven to twelve from the Carrollton
16 and Vaiden areas under the direction of Ms. Kitty Cook Hodges and
17 Ms. Jean Aldridge; and

18 WHEREAS, the art students who have participated in this
19 program include Lawanda Cox, Delana Denton, Claude Fluker, Joseph
20 Germany, Michael K. Jones, Talluah Lawrence, Lori Lee, John Lott,
21 Tamesha Lott, Kelley Maddickes, Jamie McKenzie, Ron Myers, Justin
22 D. Nobles, Adam Peacock, Jessica Phillips, Barbara Ricks, Anthony
23 Smith, Michael A. Smith, Quinnis Stokes, Tori Thomas, Kim Turner
24 and Stephanie Walker; and

25 WHEREAS, the art students took the concept "Mississippi
26 Magic" which includes folklore, people, land, humor, music,

27 creatures and critters, legends and life to develop an idea and
28 interpret it into art; and

29 WHEREAS, the students regard Mississippi as a magical land
30 with watery, swampy places which have special creatures living in
31 them; for example, the alligator who is a magician and serves as a
32 guide for this summer's program; and

33 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Library Commission funded the
34 preparation of the art work through a grant to assist the Carroll
35 County School District for the purchase of additional art supplies
36 and equipment for the J.Z. George High School; and

37 WHEREAS, for the past thirty years, the Mississippi Library
38 Commission has been sponsoring summer reading programs in the
39 public libraries throughout the state, which attract approximately
40 34,000 children who read almost 750,000 library books and other
41 resources during the summer; and

42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
43 and commend such outstanding programs as the Mississippi Library
44 Commission Summer Library Reading Program, which is designed to
45 improve the reading skills of the children of the State of
46 Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
50 Mississippi Library Commission on the Thirty-Year Anniversary of
51 Mississippi's Summer Library Reading Program and express our
52 deepest appreciation to the commission for its dedication to
53 educating the children of this state.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to the Mississippi Library Commission, the Carroll
56 County School District and members of the Capitol Press Corps.