

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131  
(As Adopted by House)

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.