

By: Representatives Bozeman, Banks, Barnett To: Rules
(92nd), Brown, Chaney, Coleman (65th), Denny,
Flaggs, Green (96th), Ketchings, Manning,
Middleton, Robinson (63rd), Stribling,
Thomas, Wallace, Weathersby, West, Woods

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CORTLAND RAYDARIUS
2 COLLINS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MUSICAL TALENT.

3 WHEREAS, Cortland Raydarius Collins, a native of Hazlehurst,
4 Mississippi, has been playing the drums since he was three years
5 old and began taking professional drum lessons when he was 4-½
6 years old; and

7 WHEREAS, Cortland, born December 28, 1992, is the son of
8 Vicky S. Collins and Steve Collins and is in kindergarten at
9 Hazlehurst Elementary School; and

10 WHEREAS, Cortland's favorite drum solo is "Leaning on the
11 Everlasting Arms" by Timothy Wright; and

12 WHEREAS, Cortland has played the drums for various schools,
13 churches and other organizations throughout the state, including
14 Hall's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church,
15 Egypt Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Mt. Olive Missionary
16 Baptist Church, Hazlehurst Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi
17 Educational TV, the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Crystal
18 Springs High School, Hazlehurst High School, Mt. Sinai Head Start
19 and the Mississippi Gospel Gathering; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to his performances in the State of
21 Mississippi, Cortland has received national attention with
22 appearances on, "It's Showtime at the Apollo," and the "Seventh
23 Annual Trumpet Awards," and he has been contacted by national
24 television shows such as the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," the
25 "Howie Mandel Show," and "On Stage Around the World"; and

26 WHEREAS, Cortland has been heard on numerous radio stations

27 throughout the United States, including stations in Atlanta,
28 Detroit, Kansas City and Omaha and also in Victoria, British
29 Columbia in Canada; and

30 WHEREAS, because of his remarkable talent as a drummer,
31 Cortland has been featured in many newspaper articles in local and
32 national newspapers, including The Copiah County Courier, The
33 Meteor, The Daily Leader, The Clarion-Ledger, The Atlanta Journal
34 Constitution, the Washington Afro-American and The Washington
35 Tribune; and

36 WHEREAS, Cortland has been encouraged and supported in his
37 musical endeavors by his parents, Vicky and Steve Collins and his
38 big brother, Cory Collins; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
40 and commend such outstanding and talented musicians, especially
41 when evidenced by the children of our state, who are its future:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
44 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Cortland
45 Raydarius Collins for his outstanding musical talent and extend to
46 him our heartiest wishes of success in all his future endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to the parents of Cortland Raydarius Collins and members
49 of the Capitol Press Corps.