

By: Senator(s) Hall, Ross

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE 30  
2 JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL SENIORS CHOSEN AS 1998-1999 NATIONAL  
3 MERIT FOUNDATION SEMIFINALISTS.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson Preparatory School has a history of  
5 producing National Merit Semifinalists, but this year's senior  
6 class has taken that tradition to a new level since thirty Prep  
7 students have qualified for recognition; and

8 WHEREAS, Semifinalists status is conferred by the National  
9 Merit Foundation and is awarded to only one-half of one percent of  
10 the state's high school seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, the thirty chosen as 1998-1999 Semifinalists  
12 constitute a cross-section of student life at Prep and include the  
13 following students: Drew Davis, Mat Jones Alex Lee, Bill Shearer,  
14 Nathan Lott, Jay Carney, Shea Loper, James Bassett, Sam Cole,  
15 Megan Norris, Jennifer Dunaway, Jonathan Strain, Charles Paul,  
16 Steven Sanders, Michael Kriss, David Black, Chris Savoie, Signe  
17 Shackelford, Dan O'Regan, Emily Wood, Beth Rush, Mary Mills Lane,  
18 Lindsay Allen, Elizabeth Rickman, Mary K. Harkins, Rebecca Henley,  
19 Erin Reed, Freda Busby, Anna Cabell and Alice Wood; and

20 WHEREAS, these honorees participate in a variety of  
21 activities including basketball, band, debate, cheerleading,  
22 newspaper, literary magazine, cross country, yearbook, computer  
23 club, student council, honorary societies and service  
24 organizations, all representing the broad scope of activities  
25 available to the students at this excellent school; and

26 WHEREAS, Jackson Prep has produced 312 National Merit

27 Semifinalists since 1970, more than any other school in  
28 Mississippi; and

29 WHEREAS, as the State of Mississippi strives for excellence  
30 in education, it is appropriate to recognize the educational  
31 experience offered at Jackson Preparatory School, which through  
32 its experienced and accomplished faculty provides broad-based  
33 classroom experiences and activities designed to stimulate the  
34 mind and cultivate a life-long love of learning:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
36 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we  
37 do hereby commend and congratulate the thirty Jackson Preparatory  
38 School seniors chosen as 1998-1999 National Merit Foundation  
39 Semifinalists.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be  
41 presented to Jackson Prep Headmaster Bill McGee and that copies be  
42 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.