

By: Senator(s) Farris, Bean

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 543

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI'S 1999 MISS HOSPITALITY, JEANNA RUNNELS.

3 WHEREAS, the 1999 Mississippi Miss Hospitality, Jeanna
4 Runnels, representing Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is the 20-year-old
5 daughter of Belinda Runnels and the late Bobby Runnels of Petal,
6 Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, she is the 49th young woman in Mississippi's history
8 to wear the Miss Hospitality crown; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeanna Runnels is a junior majoring in public
10 relations at the University of Southern Mississippi, where her
11 activities include membership in Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda
12 Delta honor societies, USM Eagle Connection Hosting and
13 Recruitment Team and the USM Diamond Darlings; she also was chosen
14 as song chair for Delta Delta Delta sorority, USM Student
15 Government Senator for two years, and chairperson for the Senate
16 Bills and Resolutions Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Miss Runnels is also involved in community
18 activities including volunteering for Adopt-A-School and Sight for
19 the Blind, and she serves as pianist for her local church as well
20 as participating in youth choir and the church drama team; and

21 WHEREAS, Jeanna Runnels is a graduate of Petal High School,
22 where among her high school activities, Jeanna was chosen Bible
23 club Vice-President, a three-year delegate to Mississippi's Youth
24 Congress and was a member of Beta and Mu Alpha Theta honor
25 societies; and

26 WHEREAS, Jeanna Runnels enjoys vocal entertaining, gospel,

27 jazz and classical piano, Southern and ethnic cooking and
28 traveling; and

29 WHEREAS, Mississippi's Miss Hospitality is a "Mississippi
30 tradition," beginning in 1949 under Governor Fielding Wright and
31 the Mississippi Legislature; and

32 WHEREAS, Miss Hospitality is entering its 50th year; and

33 WHEREAS, as Mississippi Miss Hospitality, Jeanna Runnels will
34 travel approximately 30,000 miles across the nation as an
35 ambassador promoting the state's tourism and economic efforts; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the custom of this Legislature to commend the
37 accomplishments of the young people of this state:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby take great pride in commending and congratulating
41 Mississippi Miss Hospitality 1999, Jeanna Runnels, representing
42 Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 Mississippi Miss Hospitality and copies be made available to the
45 Capitol Press Corps.