

By: Senator(s) Smith, Kirby

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 558

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES HOMELESS PROGRAM  
3 UPON ITS RECEIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS  
4 COMMUNITY ARTS AWARD.

5 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Mississippi State Hospital  
6 Community Services Homeless Program has successfully used creative  
7 arts activities to encourage the homeless to utilize the medical  
8 and counseling services available to them; and

9 WHEREAS, this program, also known as Stubbs House, has  
10 provided excellent opportunities for esteem building and  
11 empowerment through artistic expression; and

12 WHEREAS, mobile art and writing workshops, public exhibitions  
13 of homeless art, and publication of selected pieces in a yearly  
14 magazine aptly titled, "The Survivor," have increased public  
15 awareness and heightened understanding toward this rapidly growing  
16 segment of our society; and

17 WHEREAS, a national traveling exhibit called "Doorways:  
18 Expressions from the Heart of America's Homeless," which began  
19 touring in 1994, included works of art from the Stubbs House  
20 workshops; and

21 WHEREAS, "Outreach Through Art" seminars were conducted by  
22 the program last year for the Southeastern Regional Conference on  
23 Homelessness and also for Women in Community Services in New  
24 Orleans; and

25 WHEREAS, in October, workshop artists have been invited to  
26 exhibit their work in Memphis in conjunction with National  
27 Homeless Awareness Month; and

28           WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize one of our finest  
29 state agencies for excellence in the arts:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Mississippi State  
33 Hospital Community Services Homeless Program upon its receipt of  
34 the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts Community Arts  
35 Award.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
37 representatives of the program at the awards ceremony on March 19,  
38 1999, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.