

By: Senator(s) Jordan (18th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING COUNTRY MUSICIAN MARTY STUART OF  
3 PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
4 EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD FOR ARTIST'S ACHIEVEMENT.

5 WHEREAS, "Country music is the language of America. It's  
6 common-people music. You know it's accessible; it's true-life  
7 blues," says Grammy Award winning, country musician, Marty Stuart,  
8 who has joined his musical talent with the traditions of country  
9 music as the foundation for his career; and

10 WHEREAS, as a mandolin playing youth from Philadelphia,  
11 Mississippi, he played with Bluegrass-Gospel group, the  
12 "Sullivans," before he began touring as a thirteen-year-old with  
13 Lester Flatt and his band; and

14 WHEREAS, following his years with Flatt, Mr. Stuart joined  
15 the band of legendary singer Johnny Cash and performed with him  
16 until embarking upon his own solo career; however, the  
17 relationships and contacts he made with the forefathers of country  
18 music during his early years of touring greatly influenced his  
19 role in the music world today; and

20 WHEREAS, he is described by Jay Orr, music critic for the  
21 Tennessean, as the "archivist and young soul of Nashville country  
22 music tradition."; and

23 WHEREAS, Serving his second term as the President of the  
24 Country Music Foundation, he maintains his own collection of old  
25 guitars, photographs, vintage clothing and other country music  
26 memorabilia, which he shares with the foundation for exhibits; and

27 WHEREAS, as a songwriter, his works include, "Same Old

28 Train," featuring performances by Clint Black and Randy Travis and  
29 "Milk and Honey Bound" by Pam Tillis; and

30 WHEREAS, his latest album is scheduled to be released in  
31 early 1999:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
33 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
34 we do hereby commend and congratulate Grammy-award winning country  
35 musician Marty Stuart of Philadelphia, Mississippi, upon his  
36 receipt of the Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award for  
37 Artist's Achievement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
39 Marty Stuart at the awards ceremony on March 19, 1999, and be made  
40 available to the Capitol Press Corps.