

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 568

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MAESTRO
2 COLMAN PEARCE UPON RECEIVING THE "MUSICAL AMBASSADOR" AWARD AS
3 PART OF THE 1999 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, known internationally as a gifted musician and
5 master of twentieth century music and European classics, Colman
6 Pearce has enriched the lives of Mississippians with his vision
7 for bringing symphonic music to people of all ages through his
8 directorship of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra; and

9 WHEREAS, his energetic and vigorous approach to increasing
10 the venues for music to be studied and enjoyed is seen in the
11 KINDERCONCERTS program, in which he emphasizes both short
12 classical and new music; highlighting pieces such as The Steadfast
13 Tin Soldier, written by Mississippi Composer Luigi Zananelli, and
14 an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss' classic Green Eggs and Ham, he has
15 delighted young audiences with his innovation; and

16 WHEREAS, led by Maestro Pearce, the twenty-eight musicians
17 who make up the Symphony Chamber Orchestra present concerts within
18 the regular season of traditional and contemporary music combined
19 with biographical data and anecdotes about featured composers; the
20 extraordinary musicianship, wit and intellect Mr. Pearce exhibits
21 allow him to move the Symphony beyond the concert hall to
22 audiences throughout Mississippi communities; and

23 WHEREAS, a native of Ireland and a graduate of the University
24 College, Dublin, he has worked with Irish Radio and Television
25 since the beginning of his professional career bringing music to
26 listeners and viewers; and

27 WHEREAS, prior to coming to Mississippi, he was Principal
28 Conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, and is
29 now Conductor Laureate of that Symphony; and

30 WHEREAS, his dedication and untiring commitment to broadening
31 opportunities for audiences to learn and enjoy music have made the
32 Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and Colman Pearce accessible to
33 thousands of people; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Pearce is truly a MUSICAL AMBASSADOR:

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 Maestro Colman Pearce upon
38 receiving the "Musical Ambassador" award as part of the 1999
39 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 Maestro Pearce at the awards ceremony to be held on Friday, March
42 19, 1999, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.