

By: Senator(s) Walls, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 574

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING OFFICER RUSSELL FRAZIER
2 FOR HIS COURAGEOUS AND HEROIC EFFORTS ON APRIL 3, 1998.

3 WHEREAS, on April 3, 1998, two young girls fell into the
4 frigid and flood swollen waters of Lake Ferguson; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon being advised of the situation, Officer Russell
6 Frazier of the Greenville Police Department ran to the waters edge
7 and upon discovering that one victim had slipped beneath the
8 surface, courageously entered the icy and murky waters of Lake
9 Ferguson to search for the victim; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Russell Frazier located the victim and
11 disregarding the peril to himself, he plunged beneath the surface
12 of the cable snarled waters to pull the victim to the surface; and

13 WHEREAS, with the assistance of two fellow officers, Officer
14 Russell Frazier brought the victim to shore; and

15 WHEREAS, in a dramatic scene in this stark struggle for life,
16 a white hand grasped a black hand and the victim was pulled to
17 safety; and

18 WHEREAS, through the prism of joyful tears, there was no
19 color of skin but a rainbow of compassion, courage, and heroism;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Russell Frazier was recommended to receive
22 the Medal of Honor from his department for his distinguished
23 actions while on duty; and

24 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Mississippi wishes to recognize
25 and thank Officer Russell Frazier for his daring, courageous,
26 compassionate and heroic actions at the scene of a near tragedy:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
28 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
29 we do hereby commend Officer Russell Frazier for his courageous
30 and heroic rescue on April 3, 1998.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
32 presented to Officer Russell Frazier.