

By: Senator(s) Turner, Canon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 602  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND PARTICIPANTS.

3 WHEREAS, to be successful in today's world, young people need  
4 to develop problem-solving techniques; and

5 WHEREAS, one place students can learn this valuable skill, as  
6 well as creativity and teamwork, is by participating in the  
7 Odyssey of the Mind program; and

8 WHEREAS, this program focuses on the development of self  
9 confidence, resourcefulness, leadership and risk taking, being the  
10 largest worldwide creative problem-solving competition for  
11 children; and

12 WHEREAS, Odyssey of the Mind is an international program that  
13 challenges students to think both logically and creatively as they  
14 work together in teams consisting of five to seven members; and

15 WHEREAS, the teams are allowed to choose between five  
16 different "problems," which are newly created each year, in which  
17 to compete; and

18 WHEREAS, nine teams from Lee Middle School competed in the  
19 Regional Competition at Morton, Mississippi, on March 21, 1998,  
20 out of which five teams qualified to participate in the State  
21 Finals in Ridgeland, Mississippi, held on April 4, 1998; and

22 WHEREAS, an incredible three Lee Middle School teams took top  
23 honors, going on to Walt Disney World in May to compete against  
24 the 6,000 brightest and most creative young minds from 48 states,  
25 the District of Columbia and 30 foreign countries at the World  
26 Finals; and

27           WHEREAS, scoring for each team includes the judges'  
28 evaluations of a team's solutions to one of the five problems,  
29 each team's individual enhancement of the solution, and what is  
30 called "spontaneous": a problem which is presented to the team on  
31 the day of competition; and

32           WHEREAS, the culminating activity of the three-day  
33 competition was the closing ceremony, where the top six teams were  
34 recognized; and

35           WHEREAS, the "Marvelous Mentor" team, consisting of Kim  
36 Caraig, Kerry Ellis, Lindsey Kempton, Richard Lancaster, Eileen  
37 Tagdulang and Kristy Watkins, took first place by a margin of 38  
38 points; and

39           WHEREAS, the other two teams that competed had solid  
40 finishes: "Pageant Wagon," consisting of Brent Burge, Sarah  
41 Conroy, Elizabeth Davidson, Justin Davis, Gaby McCallister, Bess  
42 Pearson and Lauren Vanderpool, came in 13th, and "Create and  
43 Animate," consisting of J.B. Brewczynski, Jack Catton, Adele  
44 Champlin, Zach Foster, Stephanie LaBella, Jared Stork and Eric  
45 Tipton, finished 17th; and

46           WHEREAS, in the history of Mississippi's participation in  
47 Odyssey of the Mind, only one other team has placed first:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Marvelous Mentors,  
51 Pageant Wagon and Create and Animate Odyssey of the Mind teams of  
52 Lee Middle School.

53           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby commend each of the  
54 student members of those teams and all of Lee Middle School for  
55 providing an environment that fosters such creativity and  
56 achievement, the school administration, all the teams' teacher and  
57 parent coaches and supporters, and we encourage these students to  
58 keep the flame of learning, creativity and originality burning.

59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

60 presented to each student and to the Principal of Lee Middle  
61 School.