

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Woodfield, Cuevas,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 613

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GULF STATES MARINE
2 FISHERIES COMMISSION ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND ENCOURAGING
3 THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE.

4 WHEREAS, the living natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico
5 are important to the citizenry of all states in the Gulf region
6 including Mississippi and the nation as a whole; and

7 WHEREAS, the physical location of the Office of the Gulf
8 States Marine Fisheries Commission and all of its employees are in
9 Ocean Springs, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, most anadromous, estuarine and marine living
11 resources are nomadic or migratory during some parts of their life
12 histories; and

13 WHEREAS, the publication entitled "To Stem the Tide"
14 recommends that "fish stocks should be managed as an entity rather
15 than differently in each jurisdiction in which they occur or
16 through which they may pass"; and

17 WHEREAS, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission was
18 established "...to promote the better utilization of the
19 fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the seaboard of the
20 Gulf of Mexico, by the development of a joint program for the
21 promotion and protection of such fisheries and the prevention of
22 the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause"; and

23 WHEREAS, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission was
24 established through legislation from each member state and
25 authorized by the United States Congress in Public Law 81-66 in
26 1949; and

27 WHEREAS, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission has been
28 providing a valuable service to its member states and to the
29 nation as a whole, by facilitating interagency, interdisciplinary
30 and interjurisdictional communication; by developing and managing
31 interjurisdictional fisheries management program; and by seeking
32 support for important marine fisheries initiatives, both at the
33 state and federal levels for 50 years; and

34 WHEREAS, the strength and effectiveness of the Gulf States
35 Marine Fisheries Commission has grown and improved over its 50
36 years of existence; and

37 WHEREAS, the future is positive for the Gulf States Marine
38 Fisheries Commission to continue its tradition of excellence into
39 the future:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we commend the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission on the
43 occasion of their 50th Anniversary Meeting held in Biloxi,
44 Mississippi during October 18-22, 1999, and on its mission and
45 accomplishments over the last 50 years; and encourage the Gulf
46 States Marine Fisheries Commission to continue its tradition of
47 excellence in facilitating communication and managing
48 interjurisdictional fisheries programs into the future.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 presented to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and made
51 available to the Capitol Press Corps.