

By: Senator(s) Farris, Bean, Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 627

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUDGE HOWARD L. "PAT"
2 PATTERSON, JR., OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, IMMEDIATE PAST
3 PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS FOR HIS
4 RECORD OF HUMANITARIAN SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, Jr., of
6 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, USA, was elected President of The
7 International Association of Lions Clubs at the associations' 80th
8 International Convention, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA,
9 June 30-July 5, 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, Past President Patterson, a Senior Status Chancery
11 Court Judge, is a member of his local, state and American Bar
12 Association. Prior to his election as Chancery Judge in 1966, he
13 was City Prosecuting Attorney, City Judge and a practicing
14 attorney for 11 years; and

15 WHEREAS, a Lion since 1958, Past President Patterson is a
16 Life Member of the Hattiesburg Lions Club with a record of 26
17 years' perfect attendance; he has served as district governor,
18 Treasurer of the Multiple District Council of Governors, President
19 of the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation, Director of Lions World
20 Services for the Blind and Past President Patterson was a member
21 of the association's board of directors from 1975-1977; he has
22 also received a 100% District Governor Award, a Key Member Award,
23 13 International President's Awards, two International Leadership
24 Awards, the Mississippi Sight Foundation Leadership Award and the
25 Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon
26 association members; he is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a
27 member of the Mississippi Lions Hall of Fame; and

28 WHEREAS, he has been an active member of the South Central
29 Mississippi Bar Association, the Mississippi State Bar
30 Association, the American Bar Association, and a Life Member of
31 both the National and International Association of Probate Judges;
32 he served as City Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Hattiesburg
33 from 1963 to 1965, and as City Judge of the City of Hattiesburg
34 from 1965 to 1966 when he resigned to run for Chancery Judge; he
35 is also a successful businessman, having owned and operated
36 apartment complexes as well as having been a partner in the
37 construction business and an automobile dealership; and for his
38 civic efforts, Past President Patterson has been awarded numerous
39 local, state and national recognitions throughout his nearly fifty
40 years of civic service; and

41 WHEREAS, in recognition of his work on behalf of the
42 association, Past President Patterson was recently named Lion of
43 the Year by members of his home club; and

44 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the formation of the Lions
45 Sight Foundation of Mississippi, the drafting of its original
46 Constitution and Bylaws, and obtaining its corporate charter from
47 the State of Mississippi; as a member and Treasurer of the Council
48 of Governors, Lion Patterson participated in the planning and
49 construction of the building which houses the Mississippi Library
50 for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Mississippi Lions
51 State Office, and served as Master of Ceremonies at the dedication
52 of the building on October 28, 1973; he also assisted in the
53 drafting of the original Constitution and bylaws of the
54 Mississippi Lions Eye Bank, the Hearing and Van Committees and the
55 Mississippi Lions Activities Corporation; and

56 WHEREAS, he served on the International Board of Directors of
57 Lions Clubs International from 1975-1977, where he served on the
58 Constitution and Bylaws Committee for both years, and in addition,
59 during his second year served as the Board Appointee to the
60 Executive Committee; he is the recipient of nine International

61 President's Awards, two International Leadership Awards, and the
62 Ambassador of Good Will Award, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow; he
63 has attended most of the state conventions and mid-winter
64 conferences since becoming a Lion in 1958, and has attended more
65 than twenty-one international conventions; and

66 WHEREAS, the officers and leaders of Lions Clubs
67 International encourage the leaders of Lionism in each state and
68 in each county to seek out able, unselfish and competent men as
69 leaders of their International Association; and Lion Patterson is
70 committed to the strong belief that the presence of Lionism in 177
71 countries and geographic areas of the world is not only the best
72 way possible to carry out our on-going projects of humanitarian
73 service to our fellowman, but that it can also be a strong voice
74 of influence for world peace; and

75 WHEREAS, Judge Patterson is a hard-working, dedicated Lion, a
76 devoted husband to his wife, Brenda; a devoted father and
77 grandfather; and an able and highly respected senior status
78 District Chancery Court Judge of the State of Mississippi, who is
79 courteous, has a pleasing personality in any company, and has the
80 unusual ability of making attorneys, and especially young
81 attorneys, feel themselves to be an important part of the court;
82 and

83 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
84 unselfish humanitarian service of this great Mississippian:

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
86 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
87 we do hereby commend Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, Jr., of
88 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Immediate Past President of the
89 International Association of Lions Clubs, for his record of
90 humanitarian service to his community, state, nation and the
91 international community.

92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
93 presented to Judge Patterson and his family, the Hattiesburg Lions

94 Club, the International Association of Lions Clubs and be made
95 available to the Capitol Press Corps.