

By: Senator(s) Farris, Bean, Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 627  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.