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Scoper, Chaney, Farris, Hewes, Horhn, King,  
Little, Gordon

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATOR THAD COCHRAN UPON  
2 HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2000 ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
3 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Senator Cochran has been named as the recipient of  
5 the 2000 Arts Leadership Award of the Governor's Awards for  
6 Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, on June 28, 1999, The Honorable Thad Cochran, United  
8 States Senator, long-time champion of the arts, introduced a bill,  
9 which, if enacted, will change the state of the arts in education  
10 throughout the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, this bill, the Congressional Recognition for  
12 Excellence in Arts Education Act (CREATE), will reward those  
13 school districts that include the arts in their regular  
14 curriculum; and

15 WHEREAS, in this bill, Senator Cochran proposes the  
16 establishment of a board to oversee the administration of awards  
17 to schools, both public and private that implement an arts  
18 education program in their regular curriculum; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to this significant bill, Senator  
20 Cochran further supported the arts by submitting a resolution  
21 designating March 2000 as "Arts Education Month"; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Cochran is a senior member of the Interior  
23 Appropriations Subcommittee, which directly oversees funding for  
24 arts programs; and

25 WHEREAS, as a volunteer, Senator Cochran serves as a Regent  
26 for the Smithsonian Institution, and consistently rallies support

27 for the National Endowment of the Arts, the National Endowment of  
28 the Humanities, and other major cultural agencies of the nation;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Senator Cochran recognizes that support of the arts  
31 is vital to strengthening our nation's social and economic  
32 well-being, and he has fought for many years to ensure that the  
33 arts are accessible to all citizens of Mississippi, including the  
34 most rural areas of the state:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
37 we hereby commend Senator Thad Cochran for his vision and  
38 forethought in the introduction of CREATE, and we congratulate him  
39 upon being named the recipient of the 2000 Arts Leadership Award  
40 of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to Senator Thad Cochran and made available to the  
43 Capitol Press Corps.