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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 569

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE OAK GROVE HIGH
2 SCHOOL BAND OF LAMAR COUNTY UPON ITS RECEIPT OF AN INVITATION FROM
3 LUXEMBOURG TO PARTICIPATE IN A CEREMONY AT THE LUXEMBOURG-AMERICAN
4 CEMETERY TO HONOR THE AMERICANS WHO DIED LIBERATING LUXEMBOURG
5 DURING WORLD WAR II; TO ENCOURAGE THE BANDS' PARTICIPATION IN THIS
6 EVENT AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE 14TH WORLD MUSIC CONTEST IN
7 KERKRADE, NETHERLANDS; TO ENCOURAGE THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS TO
8 ENSURE THAT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS WELL-REPRESENTED AT THESE
9 EVENTS.

10 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces played a crucial role
11 in the liberation of Luxembourg from the Nazis during World War
12 II; and

13 WHEREAS, over 5,000 Americans, including General George S.
14 Patton, legendary commander of the U.S. Third Army, have their
15 final resting place in the Luxembourg-American Cemetery located in
16 Luxembourg; and

17 WHEREAS, the people of Luxembourg desire to commemorate the
18 valor of the Americans who sacrificed their lives for the
19 liberation of their country, solidify the bonds of friendship that
20 exist between the United States and Luxembourg, and join together
21 with young Americans in the promotion of peace expressed through
22 the universal language of music; and

23 WHEREAS, Mississippi has been honored by having the Oak Grove
24 High School Band from Lamar County invited to participate in a
25 festival of friendship, commemoration and music in Luxembourg at
26 the Luxembourg-American Cemetery; and

27 WHEREAS, the Oak Grove High School Band is one of only eleven
28 high school bands in the United States that have been invited to
29 participate in such ceremonies; and

30 WHEREAS, at such ceremonies the directors of the bands, the
31 mayors of the adopting villages, a color guard from an American
32 Army base, a color guard from the Luxembourg Army, the Luxembourg
33 Ministers of Culture and Defense, the Mayor of Luxembourg City,
34 the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg and other dignitaries,
35 will present wreathes at the Memorial Chapel in the cemetery; and

36 WHEREAS, the Oak Grove High School Band will also compete in
37 the 14th World Music Contest, in Kerkrade, Netherlands, which is a
38 musical Olympics occurring every four years and include bands from
39 throughout the world; and

40 WHEREAS, it is a high honor for the Oak Grove High School
41 Band to be invited to represent the State of Mississippi and the
42 United States in honoring and commemorating the valor and
43 sacrifice of the men and women serving in the United States Armed
44 Forces during World War II and receive on behalf of the United
45 States the thanks of the people of Luxembourg:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby congratulate the Oak Grove High School Band of Lamar
49 County for the honor that it has received by being invited by
50 Luxembourg to represent the United States in ceremonies
51 commemorating the valor and sacrifice of the men and women who
52 served in the United States Armed Forces and participated in the
53 liberation of Luxembourg during World War II.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon the citizens of the
55 State of Mississippi to support and assist the Oak Grove High
56 School Band in their effort to secure the means to attend the
57 World Music Contest in Kerkrade, Netherlands on June 30, 2001, and
58 to accept Luxembourg's invitation and to participate in the
59 Luxembourg Commemoration Ceremonies in Luxembourg on July 7, 2001.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the business and
61 industrial community in this state, all veteran organizations in
62 this state, the Department of Economic and Community Development

63 and the Mississippi congressional delegation to assist in the
64 effort to ensure that the State of Mississippi is well-represented
65 in the Luxembourg Commemoration Ceremonies and the World Music
66 Contest.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
68 sent to Oak Grove High School.