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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 PEARL HIGH SCHOOL "PIRATE" BAND AND STAFF FOR BEING SELECTED TO
3 MARCH IN THE MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY AND
4 APPEARING ON THE "TODAY" SHOW IN ITS ANNUAL MARCH THROUGH THE
5 STUDIO.

6 WHEREAS, the Pearl High School "Pirate" Band was selected to
7 be one of eleven bands from across the nation to be featured
8 marching in the 1999 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York
9 City, and was invited to be the featured band on the NBC "Today"
10 show in New York City in its annual "march through the studio"
11 sequence the day before Thanksgiving, which featured an interview
12 with Drum Major Morgan Cowart concerning the City of Pearl and the
13 Pearl High School Band; and

14 WHEREAS, the staff of the Pearl High School Band are to be
15 congratulated for their professionalism in building this program
16 into one of the finest in the state and region, particularly in
17 light of the difficult events which were experienced by the
18 student body of this institution: Ted Burns, High School
19 Director, Jeff Cannon, Assistant High School Director, Marc
20 Johnson, Junior High Director, and Joy Leming, Elementary Band
21 Director; and

22 WHEREAS, the honors and achievements of this award-winning
23 band are a matter of record: 1996, earned the award for "Best
24 Performing Band" in the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C.,
25 including "Best Color Guard" in the parade, 1997 crowned Grand
26 Champions at the Mississippi Marching Band Championship in
27 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, while earning superior ratings in band,

28 color guard and percussion, 1998, received third place trophy
29 overall, second in Class AAAAA, at the Mississippi Marching Band
30 Championship in Hattiesburg, 1998, recognized by the ASBDA with
31 the "Award of Excellence" for outstanding band program in the
32 State of Mississippi, the band has earned consecutive superior
33 ratings in marching at the Mississippi State Marching Festival for
34 the past 32 years, and the Pearl High School Symphonic, Concert
35 and Varsity concert bands have consistently earned superior
36 ratings at the Mississippi State Band Festival; and

37 WHEREAS, it was with great pride that we watched the Pearl
38 High School Marching Band on national television, and we recognize
39 this fine group of student musicians who have brought honor to
40 their school, their community and to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Pearl High School
44 "Pirate" Marching Band and band staff for being selected to be one
45 of eleven bands from across the nation to be featured in the 1999
46 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York and for appearing on
47 NBC's "Today" show, and we wish them continued success and musical
48 excellence in their future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be presented to
50 the "Pirate" Band and to the Principal of Pearl High School, and
51 be made available to the State Board of Education and the Capitol
52 Press Corps.