SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 654
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THOMAS GRAYSON BROWN UPON
BEING AWARDED A MEDAL OF VALOR FROM THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY LAW
ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Thomas Grayson Brown, a former University of
Mississippi student, has been awarded a Medal of Valor from the
Lafayette County Law Enforcement Association for displaying
courage in a dangerous situation the day his best friend was
killed; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Valor is the highest honor the
Lafayette County Law Enforcement Officers Association can bestow
and is awarded on those rare occasions when an individual displays
exceptional courage in the face of significant danger; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Grayson Brown, who has transferred to a
Colorado university, was able to provide authorities with the tag
number and other information about the man who allegedly shot his
friend, Devan Lowery, as they were fishing at Puskus Lake in June,
1999; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Grayson Brown displayed the presence of mind
and the courage to both go for medical assistance and secure a
crucial tag number despite the intense trauma of his close
friend's fatal injury and the very real threat that the driver of
the vehicle might attempt to shoot him; and

WHEREAS, United States Marshal David Crews said that it is
unusual for someone Brown's age to receive the high honor; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Grayson Brown, a native of Bay Springs,
Mississippi, is currently studying abroad this semester and could
not attend a ceremony in his honor at Oxford; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the heroic
deed and quick response of such a courageous young man:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
we do hereby commend Thomas Grayson Brown upon being awarded a
Medal of Valor from the Lafayette County Law Enforcement Officers
Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
presented to Thomas Grayson Brown and made available to the
Capitol Press Corps.