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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 662  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 MURRAH HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL TEAM FOR WINNING FIVE MAJOR  
3 COMPETITIONS DURING THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, the Murrah High School Quiz Bowl Team is enjoying  
5 one of its best seasons ever, winning five major competitions this  
6 school year; and

7 WHEREAS, a team of Murrah sophomores came close to advancing  
8 to the final four in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the LifeSmarts  
9 national competition, a quiz program in areas, such as personal  
10 finance, consumer rights/responsibilities and health and safety;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Murrah students advanced to the top eight teams, but  
13 lost to a team from Washington State in overtime. Team members  
14 representing Mississippi were Terilyn Lake, David Newman, Princess  
15 Peters and Jake Womack; and

16 WHEREAS, on April 8, 2000, Murrah students Matthew Smith,  
17 Brian Nagel, Chris Bowron and Sarah Whitfield won the Mississippi  
18 Academic Invitational Tournament at the University of Mississippi,  
19 where 48 teams were entered in the competition; and

20 WHEREAS, the team's sponsors are Jim Barfield and Cheryl  
21 Rahaim. Barfield teaches Latin and Social Studies at Murrah.  
22 Rahaim is a French teacher; other team members are sophomores  
23 Michael Starling and Yasser Abdul; and

24 WHEREAS, participating on the Quiz Bowl Team gives  
25 recognition to academics, helps students learn to work under  
26 pressure and work with other team members; and

27           WHEREAS, team members need to know something about different  
28 areas, such as history, language, art and literature; and

29           WHEREAS, the team will compete in the Panasonic Academic  
30 Challenge in Orlando, June 17-20, and will probably compete in the  
31 National Academic Championships in New Orleans, June 1, 2000; and

32           WHEREAS, other honors this school year for the Murrah Quiz  
33 Bowl Team include: First Place, Murrah Invitational Tournament  
34 (participants were Chris Bowron, David Newman, Matthew Smith and  
35 Jake Womack); First Place, State Knowledge Master Open (This is a  
36 national competition via computer. Participants were Chris  
37 Bowron, Alexis Larkin, Neal Lockett, Brian Nagel, David Newman,  
38 Matthew Smith, Corey Palmer and Jake Womack); First Place,  
39 Mississippi Academic Competition (equal to a state tournament  
40 where 64 teams from private and public schools competed), in  
41 addition to defeating Madison Central, Murrah defeated St.  
42 Andrew's and Jackson Prep; and

43           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
44 academic excellence and teamwork of this group of students who  
45 have brought honor to their school, their community and to the  
46 State of Mississippi:

47           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
49 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Murrah High School Quiz  
50 Bowl Team for winning five major competitions during the 1999-2000  
51 school year, and wish them continued success in their future  
52 academic endeavors and their college careers.

53           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
54 presented to the team sponsors and to the Principal of Murrah High  
55 School, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.