

By: Senator(s) Cuevas, Gollott, Dawkins,  
White (29th), Johnson (19th), Hewes

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 530

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEMBERS OF THE HARRISON  
2 COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR  
3 HEROIC ACTION IN SAVING THE LIFE OF A 3-YEAR OLD BOY.

4 WHEREAS, three Harrison County volunteer firefighters and a  
5 deputy sheriff on October 11, 2000, who helped pull a 3-year-old  
6 boy from a burning mobile home were awarded plaques this week from  
7 the Harrison County Board of Supervisors; and

8 WHEREAS, the child, Coleton Ritmanich, was playing inside  
9 while his grandmother, Delores Knee, took the garbage out at their  
10 McDowell Road home in Saucier on October 11, and when she tried to  
11 go back inside, flames, intense heat and thick smoke kept her from  
12 entering the home; and

13 WHEREAS, while enroute to the scene firefighters responding  
14 from the Wortham Road Station, who were the first to arrive, could  
15 see large plumes of black smoke emerging from the fire, over the  
16 tree line of vision; and

17 WHEREAS, fire personnel responding were: George Dangler,  
18 tanker truck; Herman Hutchinson, fire engine; George Mixon, fire  
19 department vehicle; and Deputy Sheriff Gene DeDeaux was preceding  
20 the fire apparatus to the scene of the fire; and

21 WHEREAS, members of the Harrison County Fire Services arrived  
22 immediately and found Coleton unconscious. Firefighters George  
23 Dangler and George Mixon hosed down the living room and broke a  
24 bedroom window so they could hand the boy out to firefighter  
25 Herman Hutchinson; and

26 WHEREAS, Mixon performed CPR for infants, and the boy began  
27 to take a few breaths but still had no pulse. Coleton began

28 breathing on his own after Mixon performed adult CPR, and made a  
29 full recovery; and

30 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the heroic  
31 action in the line of duty by these public servants, whose  
32 exemplary action demonstrates the inherent danger in this line of  
33 work and brings honor to their department:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
36 we do hereby commend the members of the Harrison County Volunteer  
37 Fire Service and Sheriff's Department for their heroic action in  
38 saving the life of 3-year old Coleton Ritmanich on October 11,  
39 2000, and wish them continued success in their official  
40 responsibilities and future endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to George Dangler, Herman Hutchinson, George Mixon and  
43 Gene DeDeaux and be made available to the Harrison County Board of  
44 Supervisors and the Capitol Press Corps.