

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Johnson (38th)

To:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 539

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR.
2 WILLIE MINOR OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, THE BLUFF CITY POST "MAN OF
3 THE YEAR."

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Minor of Natchez, Mississippi, has been
5 selected by the Bluff City Post as the 2000 Man of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, for all that he has done for his community, with a
7 willing heart for those who ask him to come and sing for funerals,
8 pastors' appreciations, anniversary programs, weddings,
9 reaffirmation of vows and going into the area schools, the name
10 Willie Minor is well known as a superb musical talent; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been a mechanic for many years and a car
12 salesman at Jordan Auto Company for 43 years, retiring in the
13 early part of this year, 2000; and

14 WHEREAS, Willie is the son of the late Rev. Earnest and Nancy
15 B. Minor, and a 1954 graduate of Sadie V. Thompson High School
16 (the first graduating class). He is also a graduate of Natchez
17 College and attended the University of Southern Mississippi,
18 Natchez Branch; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been married for many years to the former
20 Eula B. Gilchrist and is the father of three children; the
21 children are Willie Jr., Mark and Wanda; and

22 WHEREAS, Minor is a man of strong religious convictions. At
23 his church, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church located on
24 Liberty Road, pastored by the Rev. Samuel Hines, he is very active
25 as choir president and deacon where most of the congregation and
26 family members fondly know him as "Buster"; and

27 WHEREAS, according to his wife Eula, it's hard to imagine how
28 one man commits himself, first as a servant to God, and to
29 countless other people and organizations in the community. He
30 retired after 20 years in the Louisiana National Guard (1087th
31 Transportation Company); served four years in the Army (two of
32 those abroad in France), belongs to the L. A. Paige Lodge (32nd
33 degree); Voices of Hope Choir, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
34 Choir, All Male Choir, etc. He was chosen as Chairman of the 2003
35 Thompson Era Reunion which is a full-time job all in itself trying
36 to steer a reunion of more than 2,000 people into Natchez and plan
37 three full days of events for them; and

38 WHEREAS, our community and our state is very fortunate to
39 have a man of Willie Minor's caliber, fortitude and religious
40 convictions in our midst, and it is with great pride that we
41 recognize this honor:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
44 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Willie Minor of Natchez,
45 Mississippi, upon his selection as the Bluff City Post "2000 Man
46 of the Year," and we wish him and his family continued success in
47 their civic, charitable and other endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Willie Minor and his family, and be made available to
50 the Capitol Press Corps.