

By: Senator(s) Carlton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF ROGER D.
2 MALKIN, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF DELTA AND PINE LAND COMPANY IN SCOTT,
3 MISSISSIPPI, AND RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PATRON OF THE ARTS
4 AWARD, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Roger D. Malkin, Chairman Emeritus of Delta and
6 Pine Land Company, died shortly after he had been selected and
7 notified that he was to receive the Governor's Award for
8 Excellence in the Arts, Patron of the Arts Award for 2000-2001;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Roger D. Malkin came to Scott, Mississippi, from New
11 York and, because the state showed such hospitality and promise,
12 he made it his home a few years later; and

13 WHEREAS, he quickly became a part of the Delta community and
14 an enthusiastic champion of Mississippi, committing his time,
15 energy, talents and resources to enhancing the Delta region in
16 every possible way; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Malkin once said: "Sometimes people are afraid
18 of new ideas and don't want change. But I've never shied away
19 from new ideas--especially if they're going to make life better
20 for people"; and

21 WHEREAS, among his vast contributions to improving life was
22 his passionate devotion to making the arts a part of the fabric of
23 Delta life; his contributions were personal and varied, and his
24 interests touched many of the arts--visual, performing,
25 architectural and language; as an active member of the Institute
26 of Southern Jewish Life, he sponsored exhibits celebrating his
27 heritage, including the nationally touted Alsace to America

28 exhibit in Jackson; he acted as a patron of individual Delta
29 artists and photographers and his collections are displayed
30 publicly where they will continue to have an impact on people's
31 daily lives; but, his most profound commitment may be found in his
32 inspiration, which motivated involvement; and

33 WHEREAS, under his guidance, the employees of Delta and Pine
34 Land Company were encouraged and inspired to become involved; he
35 created and empowered a corporate giving committee, made up of
36 employees from all areas of the company, to administer the
37 philanthropic activity of Delta and Pine Land Company; this group,
38 reflecting Mr. Malkin's abiding influence, continues to enhance
39 the quality of life in the Delta by supporting the arts,
40 education, community development, science and agriculture; company
41 contributions have included employee participation in theater
42 groups, local arts councils and a major donation that enabled
43 Delta State University to build a world class Center for the
44 Performing Arts; and

45 WHEREAS, Roger D. Malkin appreciated the rich culture of his
46 adopted home of the Mississippi Delta, and made it his job to
47 enhance and promote that culture through his love of the arts; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend this Patron
49 of the Arts whose life is an example for all Mississippians:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby commend the life of Roger D. Malkin, Chairman
53 Emeritus of Delta and Pine Land Company in Scott, Mississippi, and
54 recipient of the Governor's Patron of the Arts Award, and express
55 the sympathy of the Legislature to his family who will accept his
56 well-deserved award on his behalf.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the family of Roger D. Malkin at the Governor's Award for
59 Excellence in the Arts presentation, and be made available to the
60 Capitol Press Corps.