By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th), Michel, Blackmon, Horhn

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ROSA SCOTT 2 MIDDLE SCHOOL SELECT CHOIR ON THE OCCASION OF ITS PERFORMANCE AT 3 CARNEGIE HALL IN NEW YORK CITY.

WHEREAS, the Rosa Scott Middle School (Madison, Mississippi) Select Choir was selected through an audition process to perform as part of the National Children's Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York City; and

8 WHEREAS, this performance was on Sunday evening, March 25, 9 2001, where 45 members of the Select Choir traveled to New York City to rehearse and participate in this prestigious event; and 10 WHEREAS, the Rosa Scott Select Choir has set an example of 11 12 excellence: The choir has received ratings of Superior at both district and state choral festivals for the past six years. 13 In 14 the last three years, Rosa Scott choirs have participated in two regional festivals adjudicated by national standards. In an 15 Atlanta festival in 1998, all choirs not only rated Superior, but 16 were also given the Judges' Choice awards along with the "Esprit' 17 18 de Corps" award, the top award of the entire festival including 19 all choirs, bands and orchestras at both junior high and high school level. In the spring of 2000, the choirs participated in 20 the "Music in the Parks" festival. All choirs again were rated 21 Superior and were selected "Best of Class" for the multiple 22 23 festivals held in the St. Louis area; and WHEREAS, the choir has been directed by Mrs. Donna Crisler 24 25 for the past six years; and WHEREAS, the Select Choir is made up of the most outstanding 26

27 7th and 8th grade choir students with at least a year of middle
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28 school choir experience; this group is limited to 55 students per 29 year; the total choir program at Rosa Scott Middle School has over 30 200 students; the Select Choir, as well as the other choirs, meet 31 daily for instruction and practice; and

32 WHEREAS, their repertoire includes a variety of styles, 33 including classical, multi-lingual, sacred and contemporary music; 34 and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the 36 accomplishments of this talented and dedicated group of 37 Mississippi students, who have brought honor to their school, 38 their community and to the State of Mississippi: 39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Rosa Scott Middle School Select Choir, and their director, Donna Crisler, on the occasion of their performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City, which is the ultimate tribute to musical excellence, and wish this talented group of students continued success in their musical and academic endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to 47 the Rosa Scott Middle School Select Choir Director and Principal 48 on behalf of the choir, and be made available to the Capitol Press 49 Corps.