

By: Senator(s) Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 509

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEDICATED AND
2 EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF BROTHER REX HENNEL.

3 WHEREAS, Brother Rex Hennel has devoted his life to the
4 service of his faith and his fellowman; and

5 WHEREAS, Brother Rex Hennel took his final vows of poverty,
6 chastity and obedience signifying his commitment to a life of
7 service in 1941; and

8 WHEREAS, while en route to teach and minister to the people
9 of Pakistan, Brother Rex Hennel was captured by the Japanese in
10 1941; and

11 WHEREAS, Brother Rex Hennel spent the next five years in a
12 Japanese Prisoner of War camp; and

13 WHEREAS, while a Prisoner of War, Brother Rex Hennel
14 ministered to the people in the Prisoner of War camps; and

15 WHEREAS, because Brother Rex Hennel is a man of tremendous
16 faith with unwavering devotion to Christ, the Blessed Mother and
17 his vows, he never lost faith, he never lost hope and was freed
18 from the Prisoner of War camp on V-J Day in August of 1945; and

19 WHEREAS, Brother Rex Hennel served as Principal of Notre Dame
20 High School in Biloxi, Mississippi, from 1948 to 1954; and

21 WHEREAS, while principal, Brother Rex Hennel was a mentor to
22 many Mississippi boys and helped mold their character; and

23 WHEREAS, after leaving Notre Dame High School in Biloxi,
24 Brother Rex Hennel served in various schools overseas in the
25 foreign mission field; and

26 WHEREAS, after returning to the United States, Brother Rex
27 Hennel served in various positions at the Holy Cross Mission

28 Center, the Holy Cross Brothers Center and the Providence House at
29 Notre Dame; and

30 WHEREAS, Brother Rex Hennel touched the lives and shaped the
31 character of many young men of Mississippi; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
33 Mississippi to recognize and commend dedicated and exemplary
34 service:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby commend the dedicated and exemplary service of
38 Brother Rex Hennel and wish him continued success in his
39 endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 Brother Rex Hennel.