

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Tollison,
Chamberlin

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MIKE COMPTON UPON RECEIVING GRAMMY
2 AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR PLAYING THE MANDOLIN ON TWO
3 AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS.

4 WHEREAS, Mike Compton recently received Grammy Award
5 acknowledgement for playing the mandolin on two award-winning
6 projects, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*, Album of the Year and Best
7 Compilation Soundtrack Album, and *Down From the Mountain*, Best
8 Traditional Folk Album; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Lauderdale County (Clarkdale community),
10 Mississippi, Mike Compton was working on a farm at the age of 15
11 when he became fascinated with the mandolin, and moved to
12 Nashville to pursue a recording career; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Compton's first job after moving to Nashville
14 was with Hubert Davis & the Season Travelers at the Bluegrass Inn,
15 when he recorded on three of the group's records on RHD Records
16 during his nearly four years as a member; and

17 WHEREAS, his mandolin work caught the ear of Pat Enright, who
18 recruited him for the Nashville Bluegrass Band, and during
19 Compton's initial stint in the group, 1984-1988, he appeared on
20 the four albums that first brought the band to prominence; and

21 WHEREAS, after a year working in the Catskill Mountains, Mike
22 Compton returned to Nashville and became a sideman for John
23 Hartford, then Jerry Sullivan, and performed at The Station Inn
24 with The Sidemen; and

25 WHEREAS, Mike Compton was reunited with Nashville Blue Grass
26 Band members Pat Enright and Stuart Duncan when they recorded as
27 "The Soggy Bottom Boys" for the *O Brother Where Art Thou?*



28 soundtrack, and didn't hesitate to rejoin the Nashville Bluegrass
29 Band in January 2001 when offered his old mandolin slot back; and

30 WHEREAS, with two Grammy Awards, two Entertainer of the Year
31 honors from the International Bluegrass Music Association and four
32 wins as IBMA's Vocal Group of the Year, the Nashville Bluegrass
33 Band has become the acoustic-music group to watch in the new
34 millennium; and

35 WHEREAS, the "reinvented" group has already made headlines in
36 Nashville, steadily appearing on The Grand Ole Opry in recent
37 months and taking on the challenge of performing with the
38 Nashville Chamber Orchestra in the Spring of 2001; and

39 WHEREAS, the Nashville Bluegrass Band was the first bluegrass
40 group to perform in the People's Republic of China and has also
41 staged concerts in Egypt, Brazil, Crete, Bangladesh, Bahrain,
42 Qatar, the Azores, Iraq and Israel, not to mention Denmark,
43 Germany, France, Ireland, Switzerland, Turkey, Japan, Italy, Spain
44 and England; and

45 WHEREAS, the group has performed with Lyle Lovett and Mary
46 Chapin Carpenter and a sold-out show at Carnegie Hall with the
47 Fairfield Four, and has backed artists as diverse as Bernadette
48 Peters and Clint Black in the studio; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
50 and pay special tribute to such an outstanding citizen as Mike
51 Compton:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Mike Compton upon receiving
54 Grammy Award acknowledgement for playing the mandolin on two
55 award-winning projects.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Mike Compton and made available to the Capitol Press
58 Corps.

