

By: Senator(s) Farris, King

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. MILTON
2 WHEELER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE, FOR
3 PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL THROUGH TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY
4 TO HONOR STUDENTS IN 11 UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT RUSSIA.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Milton Wheeler is Professor at William Carey
6 College, a position he has held since 1963. He is a 1961 graduate
7 of William Carey College and completed both the Master's Degree
8 and the Ph.D. at Tulane University; and

9 WHEREAS, at the invitation of Dr. Nikolai Nikandrov,
10 President of the Russian Academy of Education and Assistant to
11 President Vladimir Putin, and the Kindness Foundation of Russia
12 and the United States, Dr. Wheeler spent 14 weeks teaching
13 American History to honor students in 11 universities throughout
14 Russia; and

15 WHEREAS, the Kindness Foundation estimates that he taught
16 over 4,000 students in this experience. He also gave seminars on
17 "Contemporary USA" and "How 911 Changed America." In addition, he
18 presented lectures to faculty, to high school students and to
19 church groups; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Wheeler addressed two conventions: the High
21 School Leadership Convention in Ivanova and the Student Foreign
22 Language Convention in Tomsk; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Wheeler is an active Rotarian, having held many
24 chairmanships and serving on many committees of the district. He
25 was District Governor of District 6840 in 1989-1990. He is a
26 member of the Rotary Club of Petal. Rotary International was one
27 of the sponsors of Dr. Wheeler's trip to promote world



28 understanding and goodwill; Dr. Wheeler spoke to Rotary Clubs in
29 Moscow, Volgograd, Tomsk and Archangel; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Wheeler's wife, Donna, accompanied him to
31 Russia, and can attest to the far-reaching impact his teaching and
32 diplomacy had on the students he encountered; Dr. Wheeler was a
33 real promoter of international goodwill and understanding of
34 different cultures; and

35 WHEREAS, students, faculty and presidents of the universities
36 Dr. Wheeler visited presented numerous resolutions of appreciation
37 to him, and we join these tributes to this Mississippian who,
38 through international diplomacy, ministry and dedication, has
39 brought honor to his university, his community and to the State of
40 Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Milton
43 Wheeler, Professor of History at William Carey College, for
44 promoting international goodwill through teaching American History
45 to honor students in 11 universities throughout Russia, commend
46 the Hattiesburg chapters of The Kindness Foundation and Rotary
47 International for sponsoring Dr. Wheeler's mission, and wish him
48 and his family continued success in their future academic and
49 personal endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 Dr. Wheeler and his family, be forwarded to the President of
52 William Carey College, and be made available to the Capitol Press
53 Corps.

