

By: Representatives Woods, Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE FOR  
2 THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SUCCESS IN CONDUCTING PRISON  
3 MINISTRIES.

4 WHEREAS, Champions for Life, formerly Bill Glass Ministries,  
5 has been reaching out to those people who are incarcerated by  
6 sharing the Gospel with inmates all over the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, over the 30 years that Champions for Life has  
8 conducted prison ministries, their volunteers have managed to  
9 visit well over 2,000 prison units and over 1,000,000 inmates,  
10 with over 175,000 making life-changing decisions by accepting and  
11 maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; and

12 WHEREAS, statistics reveal that the chance of an adult  
13 prisoner not returning to crime when released is twenty-five  
14 percent and the chance of a juvenile offender not returning to  
15 crime when released is only fifteen percent; and

16 WHEREAS, Champions for Life has found that the chance of  
17 Christian inmates not returning to crime when released is  
18 sixty-eight percent, and the chance for those finding a church and  
19 being discipled and mentored when released is an astounding ninety  
20 to ninety-five percent; and

21 WHEREAS, Champions for Life will be returning to the  
22 Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, March 28 through March  
23 30, 2003, for their crusade, which is called the "Weekend of  
24 Champions" and will feature superstar athletes and various other  
25 attractions that draw out inmates so that they can hear about  
26 Christ; and



27           WHEREAS, no other prison ministry in the world has the impact  
28 of frontline evangelism that Champions for Life is having, where,  
29 according to its "Victory Report," nearly 10,000 inmates have made  
30 decisions to follow Christ in this year alone; and

31           WHEREAS, the Champions for Life's counselors present the  
32 Gospel in person to more prisoners than any other ministry in  
33 America, which has led to more prisoners making decisions to  
34 accept Christ each year than through all the chaplains of state  
35 and federal prisons; and

36           WHEREAS, the 2001 annual budget for Champions for Life was  
37 \$3.4 million, and the number of life changing decisions for the  
38 Lord was more than 100,000, which is \$34.00 per decision or a tax  
39 savings of more than \$730,000,000.00 annually; and

40           WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi finds it  
41 most appropriate to pay tribute to such a remarkable ministry as  
42 Champions for Life, in giving their time and resources to  
43 spreading the Gospel to those who have been incarcerated:

44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we commend Champions for Life on their success of  
47 eternal significance in sharing the Gospel with inmates all over  
48 the United States and extend to them our best wishes in all their  
49 future endeavors.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Champions for Life and the Capitol Press Corps.

