

By: Senator(s) Carmichael

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 521

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 MISSISSIPPI'S OWN "FATHER OF WATERS PIPES & DRUMS" AS THE FIRST  
3 LEGALLY ORGANIZED BAGPIPE AND DRUM UNIT IN MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, on August 1, 2001, Articles of Incorporation were  
5 filed at the Secretary of State's office, officially establishing  
6 "The Father of Waters Pipes & Drums" as the State of Mississippi's  
7 first legally organized Bagpipe & Drum Unit; and

8 WHEREAS, the word "Mississippi" is derived from an Indian  
9 term meaning Father of Waters, to which the group takes their  
10 name; and

11 WHEREAS, composed totally of Mississippians from various  
12 locations around the state, the group has become the poet  
13 laureates of this time-honored art. Having been in existence at  
14 least seven years in an unofficial capacity, this unit has been a  
15 regular at many parades, memorials, inaugurations and other  
16 similar events. Individual members have answered the call to play  
17 the immortal tribute when firemen, policemen, game wardens and  
18 highway patrolmen lose their lives in the line of duty to this  
19 great state; and

20 WHEREAS, the bagpipes have a martial tradition, becoming the  
21 only musical instrument in the world to have ever been legally  
22 declared a weapon of war. Today they answer not the call to war,  
23 but the call to honor, to remember, to memorialize, to proclaim  
24 and to pay tribute; and

25 WHEREAS, aside from memorials, this unit has been honored to  
26 perform at many weddings and has seen many young Mississippians  
27 begin their life together, played during the inauguration



28 celebrations of our past two Governors, the Legislative Prayer  
29 Breakfast, a host of weddings and special events hosted by our  
30 state parks, to name a few; and

31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these  
32 worthy individuals from various areas around the state, who have  
33 chosen to freely give of their time and their effort in bringing  
34 into existence this truly unique musical heritage group which  
35 brings honor to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi's own "Father of  
39 Waters Pipes & Drums" as the first legally organized bagpipe and  
40 drum unit in Mississippi, thanking them for their contributions to  
41 the quality of life in the state for which their unit takes its  
42 name, and wishing them success in their future performances.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
44 presented to the Band Master of the Father of Waters Pipes &  
45 Drums, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

