

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.

