

By: Senator(s) Cuevas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 545

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY/INSTITUTE OF  
3 ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS (OCEANS '02) FOR HIGHLIGHTING  
4 SOUTH MISSISSIPPI'S GROWING OCEANOGRAPHY AND ENGINEERING  
5 COMMUNITY.

6 WHEREAS, the Oceans '02 Conference, the annual conference of  
7 the Marine Technology Society/Institute of Electrical and  
8 Electronic Engineers (MTS/IEEE), held on the Mississippi Gulf  
9 Coast, focused attention on South Mississippi's burgeoning  
10 oceanography and ocean engineering community; and

11 WHEREAS, it attracted more than 2,200 visitors from around  
12 the world, and it featured 193 exhibit booths, representing about  
13 160 government agencies, private companies and academic  
14 institutions, and contributed \$2 Million to the local economy.  
15 The exhibits displayed the latest developments in ocean equipment  
16 from some of the leading companies in the field; and

17 WHEREAS, the two honorary cochairs of the event, Rear Admiral  
18 Thomas Q. Donaldson V, and Herbert W. Anderson, represented that  
19 Mississippi oceanography and ocean engineering connection; and

20 WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Donaldson is the Commander of the  
21 Stennis Space Center-based Naval Meteorology and Oceanography  
22 Command, an operational Navy command and the lynchpin of  
23 Mississippi's ocean technology and research cluster, based at  
24 Stennis Space Center. Admiral Donaldson was selected Rear Admiral  
25 in February 2000 and took command of the Naval Meteorology and  
26 Oceanography Command in November 2000. In April 2001, he was  
27 designated Hydrographer of the Navy by the Chief of Naval



28 Operations, representing the United States' naval interest  
29 internationally; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert Anderson is Corporate Vice President and  
31 President of Northrop Grumman Information Technology, a premier  
32 provider of advanced IT solutions, engineering and business  
33 services for government and commercial clients. Northrop Grumman,  
34 the largest employer in Mississippi, owns the former Ingalls  
35 Shipbuilding and manages one of the world's most powerful  
36 supercomputers at the Naval Oceanographic Office based at Stennis  
37 Space Center; and

38 WHEREAS, one of the conference's speakers was Dr. Philip Dur,  
39 President of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, who said he sees the  
40 Mississippi Gulf Coast becoming a major player in the community of  
41 ocean science and technology; and

42 WHEREAS, Governor Ronnie Musgrove stated that the Mississippi  
43 Gulf Coast's economy has evolved from its heritage of fishing and  
44 tourism to include exploding advancements in ocean science,  
45 technologies and space exploration; and

46 WHEREAS, the conference also featured an address from U.S.  
47 Senator Thad Cochran, who talked about the work of the U.S.  
48 Commission on Ocean Policy, which will report on the tremendous  
49 capability of the Stennis Space Center to be integral to any  
50 recommended national strategy; and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize that the  
52 Mississippi Gulf Coast is on the cutting edge of advancements in  
53 ocean science and technologies:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
56 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Annual Conference of the  
57 Marine Technology Society/Institute of Electrical and Electronic  
58 Engineers, named "Oceans '02," for highlighting South  
59 Mississippi's growing oceanography and ocean engineering



60 community, and extend the greetings and best wishes of the  
61 Legislature on future conferences focusing on this industry.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
63 Rear Admiral Donaldson and Mr. Herbert Anderson, and be made  
64 available to the Sun Herald and the Capitol Press Corps.

