

By: Senator(s) Little, Dawkins, Gollott,  
Harden, Jackson, Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 565

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION UPON ITS RECEIPT OF THE  
3 2003 GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF  
4 ARTS EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education is the  
6 recipient of the 2003 Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award in  
7 the category of Arts Education and Advocacy; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education is a  
9 statewide coalition of citizens who believe that all children are  
10 entitled to comprehensive, sequential programs of education in the  
11 visual, performing and literary arts in the public schools, K-12.  
12 The mission of the Alliance is to advocate high-quality arts  
13 education for all students; and

14 WHEREAS, incorporated in 1979, the Alliance spent its early  
15 years forging productive partnerships, promoting legislative  
16 attention to funding for arts education, as well as surveying the  
17 state of arts education in Mississippi. Accomplishments resulting  
18 from these early efforts include: collaborating with the  
19 Mississippi Arts Commission to reinstate a Mississippi Department  
20 of Education position for arts education; collaborating with the  
21 commission to establish an arts credit requirement for high school  
22 graduation and collaborating with the Mississippi Department of  
23 Education to implement a requirement to include the arts in the  
24 general education of K-8 students; and

25 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Alliance has implemented  
26 professional development opportunities in the arts disciplines for  
27 K-12 arts educators and education generalists. The Alliance has  
28 established an annual higher education conference to strengthen



29 the connection between teacher education and K-12 programs, and it  
30 has celebrated arts education achievement at its Arts Education  
31 Awards Gala; and

32 WHEREAS, a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts  
33 Education Network, the Alliance is recognized as a leader among  
34 the state alliances at the national level. Last summer the  
35 Alliance was invited to make a presentation on Capitol Hill.  
36 Senator Thad Cochran and other legislative representatives  
37 attended this presentation; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique  
39 contributions of the members of this organization which focuses  
40 our attention on matters of the spirit, and brings honor to its  
41 community and to the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
44 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Mississippi Alliance for  
45 Arts Education upon its receipt of the 2003 Governor's Excellence  
46 in the Arts Award in the category of Arts Education and Advocacy,  
47 and extend to its membership the best wishes of the Legislature  
48 for success in their future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
50 the President of the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education at  
51 induction ceremonies on February 28, 2003, and be made available  
52 to the Capitol Press Corps.

