

By: Senator(s) Little, Nunnelee, Browning,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 596

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CIVIC AND CHARITABLE
2 SERVICE AND CAREER OF WTVA TELEVISION PERSONALITY KAY BAIN OF
3 TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, for three generations of television viewers in
5 Northeast Mississippi, the team of Buddy and Kay Bain was
6 synonymous with the "Mornin' Show" on Tupelo's WTVA-Channel 9 and
7 the considerable civic and charitable work of this generous
8 couple; and

9 WHEREAS, even though Buddy Bain died on May 24, 1997, Kay
10 continues her hectic "Mornin' Show" schedule and many functions
11 and special events; in April 1997, Kay was presented the "Good
12 Samaritan" by the City of Tupelo for the work she and Buddy did,
13 and in 1999 the Mississippi Legislature designated a portion of
14 U.S. Highway 45 in Lee, Prentiss and Alcorn Counties as the "Buddy
15 and Kay Bain Highway"; and

16 WHEREAS, Kay was born in Corinth, Mississippi. When she was
17 still a baby, her family moved to Michie, Tennessee. Kay began to
18 sing when she was 4 years old. She was very involved in school
19 plays and musicals. Kay also spent time playing first base on the
20 school softball team. At age 13, she was invited to sing on Buddy
21 Bain's "Farm and Home Hour" on WCMA in Corinth. After graduating
22 from Michie High School, Kay joined Buddy Bain and the Buddies.
23 The band opened shows for Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny
24 Cash, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison and many stars of the Grand Ole
25 Opry; and

26 WHEREAS, in March of 1957, The Buddy Bain Show made its
27 appearance on Channel 9. The half-hour show aired live on



28 Wednesday nights. Buddy and Kay were married on June 22, 1957.
29 The couple later was asked to host the "Sunshine Talent Showcase."
30 Among the artists who made appearances on the program was Tammy
31 Wynette. Buddy and Kay both continued to work in radio across
32 Northeast Mississippi and made live appearances weekly. In 1971,
33 Buddy and Kay were invited to sing on the Grand Ole Opry, the
34 first of several trips for them; and

35 WHEREAS, in 1978, Buddy and Kay once again returned to WTVA,
36 this time to host a daily program called "Mornin'." In October
37 1978, the first show went on the air. Among nationally known
38 celebrities who shared a cup of coffee with Buddy and Kay were Art
39 Linkletter, Patsy Montana, J.D. Sumner and Bill Anderson. Tim
40 McGraw made his first television appearance on the show in 1991.
41 Buddy and Kay Bain were the hosts for hundreds of British,
42 Japanese and other fans who visited the Elvis Presley birthplace
43 each year. Buddy and Kay Bain's song "Tupelo" was a big success
44 throughout north Mississippi; it tells the story of Tupelo and
45 served as the couple's theme song whenever they performed. Buddy
46 and Kay received an invitation to appear on the syndicated country
47 music show "Hee Haw" in 1994; and

48 WHEREAS, Buddy and Kay were always on the road entertaining
49 at nursing homes, festivals and special events across the area.
50 They devoted much of their time to help many charities, including
51 the American Cancer Society, The American Heart Association and
52 The Diabetes Foundation. They were honored for their work by the
53 Exchange Club in 1988 with the organizations "Golden Deed" Award.
54 The City of Tupelo honored the couple in 1993 with a day in their
55 honor and a cruise vacation, and November 3, 1996, was declared as
56 "Buddy and Kay Day" by the Governor; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and nostalgia that we
58 recognize the charitable contributions and special talents of this
59 remarkable lady who has brought joy to the residents of her
60 community and to the State of Mississippi:



61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
63 we do hereby commend the long civic and charitable service and
64 career of WTVA-Channel 9 television personality Kay Bain of
65 Tupelo, Mississippi, and extend to her the best wishes of the
66 Legislature on all her future endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Kay Bain and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

