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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 595

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 28,
2 2004, AS "NATIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WEEK" TO HIGHLIGHT THE
3 IMPORTANCE OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, March 28-April 3, 2004, is "National Boys and Girls
5 Club Week," the purpose of which is to emphasize the importance of
6 Boys and Girls Clubs across the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, in every community, boys and girls are left to find
8 their own recreation and companionship in the streets and an
9 increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or
10 supervision; and

11 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of America offer programs and
12 services to promote and enhance the development of boys and girls
13 by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and
14 influence; and

15 WHEREAS, more than 25 national programs are available in the
16 areas of education, the environment, health, the arts, careers,
17 alcohol/drug and pregnancy prevention, gang prevention, leadership
18 development and athletics; and

19 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of America had its beginnings
20 in 1860 when several women, believing that boys who roamed the
21 streets should have a positive alternative, organized the first
22 club in Hartford, Connecticut; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1906, several Boys Clubs decided to affiliate,
24 forming the Federated Boys Clubs in Boston, Massachusetts with 53
25 member organizations; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1931, the Boys Club Federation of America became
27 Boys Clubs of America, and in 1956, the Boys Clubs of America

28 celebrated its 50th anniversary and received a United States
29 Congressional charter; and

30 WHEREAS, to recognize the fact that girls are a part of the
31 cause as well, the national organization's name was changed in
32 1990 to Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and accordingly, Congress
33 amended and renewed the charter; and

34 WHEREAS, today, over 3.6 million boys and girls are served in
35 3,300 club locations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin
36 Islands plus domestic and international military bases; and

37 WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of America's efficient use of
38 financial resources has won national recognition. In its latest
39 "Philanthropy 400" report, The Chronicle of Philanthropy ranked
40 Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) Number One among youth
41 organizations for the eighth consecutive year, and Number Eleven
42 among all nonprofit organizations; and

43 WHEREAS, in 2001 and 2002, *WORTH* magazine ranked Boys and
44 Girls Clubs of America one of the "100 Best Charities in America"
45 based on financial efficiency, strength of reputation and program
46 effectiveness:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 March 28-April 3, 2004, is hereby designated as "National Boys and
50 Girls Club Week" to highlight the importance of Boys and Girls
51 Clubs within the community.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to
53 the Mississippi Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America and
54 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.