

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith, Dearing, Frazier, To: Rules
Harden

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 605

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI DENTAL
2 ASSOCIATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
3 FOR SPONSORING THE SECOND ANNUAL AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION'S
4 "GIVE KIDS A SMILE" PROGRAM WHICH EMPHASIZES THE NEED TO IMPROVE
5 ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR ALL CHILDREN, AND THANKING THE DENTISTS
6 OF THE MISSISSIPPI DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR
7 DONATING THEIR TIME AND ABILITIES TO PROVIDE DENTAL CARE TO
8 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF MISSISSIPPI.

9 WHEREAS, access to dental care for children is vital to the
10 overall health and development of children; and

11 WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most chronic childhood disease;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, when tooth decay goes untreated, thousands of
14 children experience poor eating habits, miss days in school,
15 suffer decreased attention when attending school and are unable to
16 smile; and

17 WHEREAS, a vast majority of children who are considered
18 underprivileged and eligible for Mississippi Medicaid and the
19 Mississippi State Children's Health Insurance Program are three to
20 five times more likely to suffer from untreated tooth decay as
21 compared to other children; and

22 WHEREAS, the participation of Mississippi Dental Association
23 dentists and other volunteers in the second annual "Give Kids a
24 Smile" program, established and sponsored by the American Dental
25 Association and held this year on February 6, 2004, serves to
26 remind people in Mississippi and the United States about the need
27 to end untreated childhood dental disease; and

28 WHEREAS, the dentists of the Mississippi Dental Association
29 provided dental treatment for more than 1,297 Mississippi

30 school-aged children in this 2004 "Give Kids a Smile" initiative;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the generous support of many individuals, groups and
33 corporations, including the University of Mississippi School of
34 Dentistry, the Mississippi Dental Association, Crest Health Smiles
35 2010, Sullivan Schein Dental, the UMC School of Health Related
36 Professions Department of Dental Hygiene, the Mississippi State
37 Department of Health, the UMC-ACT Tobacco Education Resource
38 Center, the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Troop 257 of the Girl
39 Scouts of America, Captek Precious Metals, Winstead Dental
40 Laboratory and Patterson Dental Supply made this year's "Give Kids
41 a Smile" program successful:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
44 the Mississippi Legislature hereby commends and congratulates the
45 Mississippi Dental Association for its efforts in the "Give Kids a
46 Smile" program, emphasizes the need to improve access to dental
47 health care for children, and thanks the many health care
48 professionals and others who volunteered their time and abilities
49 to bring a smile to the faces of hundreds of Mississippi
50 school-aged children during "Give Kids a Smile" day.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby extends
52 its thanks to the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry,
53 UMC School of Health Related Professions Department of Dental
54 Hygiene, Crest Healthy Smiles 2010, Sullivan Schein Dental,
55 Mississippi State Department of Health, the UMC-ACT Tobacco
56 Education Resource Center, the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation,
57 Troop 257 of the Girl Scouts of America, Captek Precious Metals,
58 Winstead Dental Laboratory and Patterson Dental Supply for their
59 part in making the program successful.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
61 the Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and

62 the President of the Mississippi Dental Association, and be made
63 available to the Capitol Press Corps.