

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CLINTON HIGH
2 SCHOOL "ARROW" SYMPHONIC BAND FOR WINNING THE ALAMO SHOWCASE OF
3 MUSIC REGIONAL COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

4 WHEREAS, the Clinton High School "Arrow" Symphonic Band,
5 under the direction of James Sills, Jennifer Sills and Martin
6 Buckhalter, brought the championship trophy home from the Alamo
7 Showcase of Music Regional Competition held on April 3, 2004,
8 featuring bands from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Clinton bands - three from Clinton High School (CHS)
11 and a fourth from Sumner Hill Junior High School, each received
12 superior ratings from the Alamo Showcase judges, and the Arrow
13 bands became the musical equivalent of the "Final Four" of the
14 Alamo Showcase, winning all the top awards given at the San
15 Antonio Band Festival; and

16 WHEREAS, the CHS concert band, symphonic band and jazz band,
17 as well as the Sumner Hill band, were also presented first-place
18 trophies in their respective classes; and

19 WHEREAS, the Arrow Symphonic Band was chosen the best band
20 overall, earning the championship trophy as the Most Outstanding
21 Instrumental Group in the entire competition; and

22 WHEREAS, the Alamo Showcase judges also presented two
23 individual awards for solo performances, and both of the winners
24 were Arrow band students; Stephanie Lipe, a Senior who plays the
25 flute, was named Outstanding Symphonic Band Soloist, while Junior
26 trumpeter Chris Ferrell was recognized as the Outstanding Jazz
27 Band Soloist; and

28 WHEREAS, the honors received in Texas by the Arrow concert
29 and symphonic bands came on the heels of an outstanding
30 performance by both groups at the Mississippi High School
31 Activities Association State Band Festival in Pearl. The two
32 bands each received superior ratings in both concert performance
33 and sight reading components, a feat achieved by only 17% of all
34 bands in all classes statewide. In fact, the symphonic band was
35 one of only seven bands in the 29-member Class 5-A to receive the
36 All-Superior designation; and

37 WHEREAS, Director of Bands James Sills, who leads the Arrow
38 symphonic and jazz bands stated, "We are among the elite, and I
39 couldn't be more pleased with our bands' success. I believe we
40 have received about 27 years of consecutive superior ratings, and
41 that makes our program one of the premier band programs in the
42 state"; and

43 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the special
44 accomplishments of this outstanding group of student-musicians who
45 have brought honor to their school, their parents, their community
46 and to the State of Mississippi:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
49 Clinton High School "Arrow" Symphonic Band and their directors for
50 winning the Alamo Showcase of Music Regional Competition
51 Championship in San Antonio, Texas, and extend to them the best
52 wishes of the Senate for continued success in future competition.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
54 the Principal of Clinton High School and be made available to the
55 Capitol Press Corps.