

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL
2 EDUCATION IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE GLOBAL SOCIETY.

3 WHEREAS, advances in communication and transportation
4 technology over the past half-century have made today's world
5 increasingly interconnected, and as a result, successful
6 businesses, universities and governments depend on a global
7 perspective; and

8 WHEREAS, this new era of global exchange has created a
9 marketplace of ideas in which citizens of the world from distinct
10 social, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds cooperate
11 and compete on a daily basis; and

12 WHEREAS, with foreign trade projected to be a key sector of
13 Mississippi economy, the Magnolia State's future is inextricably
14 tied to that of the entire world; and

15 WHEREAS, evidence of the growing connection between
16 Mississippi and the rest of the world can be found in the
17 Institute of International Education's Open Doors Report 2003,
18 which indicates that Mississippi had 2,143 foreign students
19 studying in the state for the 2002-2003 academic year, and these
20 foreign students and their families contributed an estimated \$44
21 million to the Mississippi economy in 2002-2003, in addition to
22 shedding light on the existence of tremendous growth
23 opportunities; and

24 WHEREAS, international education is critical to promoting a
25 broadened worldview and thereby preparing Mississippians for life
26 and work in the global economy; moreover, creating a diverse
27 academic environment by exchanging scholars and students between

28 countries builds the foundation for future international business
29 success; and

30 WHEREAS, the United States' national security and economic
31 competitiveness depend significantly on the country's ability to
32 provide future leaders with the best education possible; and

33 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives finds that
34 international education is an essential component of the bright
35 future of the great State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 support and encourage international education in efforts of
39 ensuring that students and future leaders are prepared to meet the
40 challenges of a global society.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to members of the Capitol Press Corps.