

By: Senator(s) King

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JOHN GREEN FOR HIS
2 SELECTION AS THE 2005 MISSISSIPPI TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR AND FOR
3 HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF FORESTRY.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. John Green of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is a
5 conservationist whose passion for the forest, timber production,
6 wildlife and wildflowers has earned him the honor of being
7 selected as the 2005 Mississippi Tree Farmer of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, his commitment has been for a lifetime, taking an
9 active roll in management of both pine and hardwood, harvesting
10 and replanting the 500-acre tract with suitable first and second
11 generation loblolly and longleaf pine, as well as using the tubex
12 container practice for hardwood seedlings; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Green, being an ophthalmologist, knows the value
14 of education and has become a self-taught forest conservationist
15 in his own right, attending short courses provided by the
16 Mississippi State University Extension Service in planting and
17 thinning pine trees, growing longleaf pines, beetle control, water
18 quality, wildlife management, invasive weed control, using Best
19 Management Practices during logging operations, and hosting groups
20 on the tree farm which has been a part of the Mississippi Tree
21 Farm System for 42 years under a written management plan which has
22 been revised as needed; and

23 WHEREAS, in the last five years, the 42 acres of hardwood
24 harvested have been replanted in cherrybark oak, nuttall oak,
25 swamp chestnut oak, willow oak, green ash, cypress and sweet pecan
26 while the pine timber was thinned and a select cut conducted on 52
27 acres of pine; and

28 WHEREAS, roads with water-bars and bridges have been
29 constructed to provide access throughout the property and
30 firebreaks are constructed and maintained; and

31 WHEREAS, wildlife quality has been improved with the planting
32 of winter and summer food plots, as well as providing desirable
33 habitat using wildlife management advice from a USDA Wildlife
34 Biologist; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Green received the Forest Conservationist Award
36 from the Mississippi Wildlife Federation in 2001, hosted a video
37 shoot for a documentary about the Pascagoula River, "*The Singing*
38 *River*", and has been featured in many newspaper articles over the
39 years and recently in two state forestry magazines; and

40 WHEREAS, Dr. Green and his family provide 90% of the actual
41 fieldwork on the tree farm with logging and larger planting jobs
42 being contracted; the peers and colleagues of Dr. Green have been
43 taught many conservation lessons on the many visits to the Green
44 Tree Farm; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize remarkable
46 Mississippi landowners who not only practice sound conservation
47 but share it with others:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend Dr. John Green for his selection as the 2005
51 Mississippi Tree Farmer of the Year and for his outstanding
52 contributions to the forestry community and extend our heartiest
53 wishes for continued success in conservation and tree farming.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Dr. John Green, his family and members of the Capitol
56 Press Corps.