

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI ALL-STATE LIONS BAND
2 UPON WINNING BAND GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE 2005 LIONS CLUB
3 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION'S PARADE OF NATIONS IN HONG KONG, CHINA.

4 WHEREAS, while attending and marching in the 2005 Lions Club
5 International Convention's Parade of Nations in Hong Kong, China,
6 on June 28, 2005, the Mississippi All-State Band was crowned grand
7 champions; and

8 WHEREAS, the 140-plus member Mississippi Lions All-State Band
9 stood above the rest of its cohorts in a parade featuring 12,000
10 Lions Club members from 100 countries, many in native dress, who
11 marched along with 100 floats and marching bands, to capture the
12 favor and recognition of the judging panel to claim title to the
13 top honor as grand champions; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2005 Mississippi Lions All-State Band's
15 international honor marks their 23rd win, having previously won in
16 1951, 1953, 1955, 1962, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980,
17 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2003 and
18 2004; and

19 WHEREAS, having won more international competitions than any
20 other band in the United States, the Mississippi Lions All-State
21 Band has been managed by Gary Cook and Jeff Cannon, and directed
22 by Chris McArthur, Mickey Mangum and Vance Wiggington, who have
23 perfected the musicians' skill and execution of style and poise;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, without the support, assistance, diligence,
26 dedication and hard work of the Lions Club staff, this
27 accomplishment could not have been made possible; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
29 recognize and commend excellence in such organizations as the
30 Mississippi Lions All-State Band, whose composition is indicative
31 of the cultural diversity and common unity that is symbolic of the
32 State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend and congratulate the Mississippi Lions All-State Band upon
36 being chosen grand champions at the Lions Club International
37 Convention in Hong Kong, China, and express our heartiest wishes
38 for continued success in all their future endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to manager Gary Cook, assistant manager Jeff Cannon,
41 directors Chris McArthur, Mickey Mangum, Vance Wiggington and to
42 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.