

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 573

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL  
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO WORK TO ABOLISH THE  
3 DEATH TAX PERMANENTLY.

4 WHEREAS, under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the  
5 death tax was temporarily phased out but not permanently  
6 eliminated; and

7 WHEREAS, farmers and other small business owners will face  
8 losing their farms and businesses if the Federal Government  
9 resumes the heavy taxation of citizens at death; and

10 WHEREAS, this is a tax that is particularly damaging to  
11 families who are working their way up the ladder and trying to  
12 accumulate wealth for the first time; and

13 WHEREAS, employees suffer layoffs when small and medium  
14 businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes; and

15 WHEREAS, if the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the  
16 United States economy would have realized billions of dollars each  
17 year extra output and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs  
18 would have been created; and

19 WHEREAS, having repeatedly passed in the United States House  
20 of Representatives and Senate, repeal of the death tax holds wide  
21 bipartisan support:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
23 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
24 the Legislature of the State of Mississippi requests our elected  
25 Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress  
26 support, work to pass and vote for the immediate and permanent  
27 repeal of the death tax.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be  
29 transmitted to the State of Mississippi's Congressional Delegation  
30 and the President of the United States, and be made available to  
31 the Capitol Press Corps.