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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
2 UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR FOR ITS TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AND FOR
3 REPRESENTING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AT NATIONAL AND
4 INTERNATIONAL VENUES.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University Concert
6 Choir has enjoyed a high standard of choral excellence during the
7 University's 52 years of existence; and

8 WHEREAS, the choir has always served as an Ambassador of the
9 University and the State of Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Orlando Moss, Composer and Voice Teacher began
11 directing the choir during the Fall of 1993. Presently, he
12 directs the choir for campus and community concerts. He conducted
13 the choir for four years at the Annual George A. Johnson Choral
14 Concert in Jackson, Mississippi, and he directed the choir at the
15 American Negro Spiritual Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio, and won
16 a prestigious award; and

17 WHEREAS, the choir, representing Mississippi, competed in the
18 highest and most difficult Classical category at the 15th Concorso
19 Internazionale Di Canto Corale in Verona, Italy, on April 14-18,
20 2004. Out of 33 choirs from different countries, the choir won
21 the Silver Cup, making it one of the best choirs in the world.

22 The choir also performed concerts at the Senior Center of
23 Bardolino and at the church service of Saint Antonio in Costermo.
24 Because the choir won in the competition in Verona, the choir was
25 invited to perform at the National Association for the Study and
26 Performance of African-American Music's 2005 Professional Music
27 Conference; and

28 WHEREAS, the choir is especially famous for its
29 interpretation of African-American music, but is equally famous
30 for being able to perform in any musical genre; and

31 WHEREAS, many outstanding singers have entered the doors of
32 the Mississippi Valley State University choral corridors and have
33 left their footprints in the sands of excellence by helping the
34 choir achieve vocal prominence. Many sang in *Moss' The*
35 *Mississippi Delta Saga* during the 1997 Spring semester at
36 Mississippi Valley State University; and

37 WHEREAS, presently, the choir has applied for a tour of 30
38 students to Brazil to learn about their culture, let them learn
39 about the great State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Delta, and
40 the United States of America, and, to continue extending our
41 American values and dreams to a world that needs to better
42 understand us. The choir promotes the belief that students must
43 become knowledgeable about other world cultures in order to become
44 fully educated; and

45 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Valley State University Concert
46 Choir will continue to offer the very best in choral excellence to
47 highlight the cultural, educational and musical values found in
48 Mississippi; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this great
50 artistic organization in the university system which brings honor
51 to its community and to the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the Mississippi Valley
54 State University Concert Choir, under the direction of Orlando
55 Moss, for its tradition of excellence and for its representation
56 of the State of Mississippi at national and international venues
57 and extend to them the best wishes of the Mississippi Senate in
58 its future tours and activities.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 Orlando Moss and the Concert Choir, be forwarded to Dr. Lester

61 Newman, President of Mississippi Valley State University, and the
62 Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and be
63 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.