

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Dearing,  
Gordon, Hewes, Lee (35th), White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 2006 MISSISSIPPI LIONS ALL-STATE BAND FOR THE PROMINENCE THEY HAVE  
3 ACHIEVED IN WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR AN  
4 UNPRECEDENTED FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Lions All-State Band has a 57-year  
6 tradition of excellence. The band is selected through a rigorous  
7 two-audition process from over 900 students statewide and  
8 represents the best of the best; and

9 WHEREAS, the band is comprised of 143 students from across  
10 Mississippi, and this year's band had 53 different high schools  
11 represented; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lions Band has competed in International Parade  
13 Championships around the world including: Hawaii, Taiwan, Korea,  
14 Hong Kong, Australia, England, Canada, Mexico, France and Africa;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the band has won the International Championship 24  
17 times during its history; and this year, for the first time ever,  
18 won the championship for the 4th straight year in a row, having  
19 won in 2003, 2004, 2005, and now 2006. This string of four  
20 straight championships is unprecedented by any band from any  
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, the Director/Manager of the band is Mr. Gary Cook  
23 from Sumrall, Mississippi, the Assistant Director/Manager is Jeff  
24 Cannon from Pearl High School, and the Marching Director of this  
25 year's band is Mickey Mangum from Kosciusko High School; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we express our  
27 appreciation to this group of student musicians who have brought

28 honor and favorable publicity to the State of Mississippi and  
29 serve as citizen models for their fellow students:

30         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate the 2006 Edition of the  
33 Mississippi Lions All-State Band for the prominence they have  
34 achieved in winning the International Championship for an  
35 unprecedented fourth consecutive year and extend our best wishes  
36 to their Directors, Gary Cook, Jeff Cannon and Mickey Mangum, and  
37 the band members for their future success.

38         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
39 the Mississippi Lions All-State Band and be made available to the  
40 Capitol Press Corps.