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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 JASON DEAN, EDUCATION POLICY ADVISOR TO GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR, ON  
3 HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE 2006-2007 CLASS OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS.

4 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2006, the White House announced the  
5 appointment by President George W. Bush of 14 individuals from  
6 across the country to serve as White House Fellows, which included  
7 the appointment of Dr. Jason Scott Dean, 32, Education Policy  
8 Advisor to Governor Haley Barbour; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Class of White House Fellows  
10 represents a diverse cross-section of professions including  
11 medicine, law, finance, education, state government, and three  
12 branches of the military; and

13 WHEREAS, the White House Fellows Program, founded in 1964 by  
14 President Lyndon B. Johnson, offers exceptional young men and  
15 women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the  
16 federal government. White House Fellows typically spend one year  
17 working as full-time, paid special assistants to Senior White  
18 House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government  
19 officials. Fellows also participate in an education program  
20 consisting of roundtable discussions with leaders from the private  
21 and public sectors, and trips to study U.S. policy in action both  
22 domestically and abroad. Following the Fellowship year, many  
23 Fellows repay the privilege by contributing to the nation as  
24 better leaders and public servants; and

25 WHEREAS, Jason Dean has served as Education Policy Advisor to  
26 Governor Haley Barbour since 2004, where his responsibilities  
27 include budgetary and policy matters relating to public education.

28 Dr. Dean has successfully worked with the state's educational  
29 stakeholders and the Legislature to pass the Governor's education  
30 agenda. This reform package included such issues as high school  
31 redesign, reducing the state's dropout rate, and addressing the  
32 critical shortage of teachers. In the aftermath of Hurricane  
33 Katrina, he worked with FEMA, state, and faith-based groups to  
34 coordinate a warehouse and shipping system. His network of  
35 volunteers quickly placed in-kind national and international  
36 donations into critically affected areas. His post-storm duties  
37 also included working on the ground with schools and facilities in  
38 their recovery. He has served as Chairman for the United Way of  
39 Ole Miss, as a Board Member for GEAR-UP, on the Public Education  
40 Forum, and on the Mayor's Commission on Public Safety, Big  
41 Brother, and other community service interests; and

42 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Governor's staff, he worked as  
43 Assistant Dean of Student and Assistant Professor at the  
44 University of Mississippi. Jason received a B.A. degree in  
45 International Studies from the University of Southern Mississippi  
46 and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Education from the University of  
47 Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, the White House Follows Program is one of the  
49 nation's most prestigious programs for leadership and public  
50 service. Selection as a White House Fellow is highly competitive  
51 and based on a record of remarkable professional achievement,  
52 evidence of leadership skills, a strong commitment to public  
53 service, and the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute  
54 successfully at the highest levels of the federal government; and

55 WHEREAS, Jason and his wife, Courtney, are the proud parents  
56 of a little girl, Mary Bogan; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize Dr. Dean,  
58 who has been an effective advocate for various education  
59 initiatives in the Legislature on behalf of Governor Barbour, and  
60 whose presence will be missed as he embarks on a prestigious new

61 assignment in public service which brings recognition to the State  
62 of Mississippi:

63         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
65 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Jason Scott Dean,  
66 Education Policy Advisor to Governor Haley Barbour, on his recent  
67 appointment to the 2006-2007 Class of the White House Fellows by  
68 President George W. Bush, and extend to him and his family the  
69 best wishes of the Legislature as he represents our state in this  
70 prestigious program of public service.

71         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
72 Dr. Jason Dean, be forwarded to Governor Barbour, and be made  
73 available to the Capitol Press Corps.