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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.