

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Gordon,
White, King, Dearing, Carmichael,
Davis, Wilemon, Clarke, Jackson
(15th), Kirby, Pickering,
Tollison, Burton, Lee (35th),
Michel, Frazier, Thames, Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 515

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED
2 SERVICE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION OF JOHN L. HARTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
3 EMERITUS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, AND
4 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, John L. Hartman, Executive Director Emeritus of the
6 Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA), died Saturday, July
7 1, 2006, in Jackson, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, John was the first Executive Director of the MSBA
9 and served as its leader for 33 years before retiring in 2004. He
10 was well-known in Mississippi and national education circles as an
11 untiring supporter of public education, having served on countless
12 national and local education advisory panels, commissions and
13 boards; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Laurel, Mississippi, Hartman received
15 his Bachelor of Science in Education from Mississippi State
16 College in 1958 and Master of Arts from Mississippi State
17 University in 1959; and

18 WHEREAS, John L. Hartman began his career in education
19 teaching senior English at Starkville High School. He then
20 continued his career in education as the Assistant Executive
21 Secretary for the Mississippi Education Association. In 1971,
22 Hartman was recruited to establish the Mississippi School Boards
23 Association serving as its first Executive Director, a position
24 that he held until his retirement in 2004; and

25 WHEREAS, a vocal force for public education for three
26 decades, he worked tirelessly for education reforms for
27 Mississippi and the nation, including the Mississippi Education

28 Reform Act of 1982, the Mississippi Adequate Education Program and
29 the establishment of the Workers' Compensation Trust; and

30 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Vicki Thomas Hartman;
31 sons, Michael L. Galyean, Jr., of Saint Simons Island, Georgia,
32 and John L. Hartman, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia; and two
33 grandchildren, Matthew and Sarah Galyean, also of Saint Simons
34 Island, Georgia; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
36 friend of public education in Mississippi, and for this and for a
37 lifetime of selfless service, a grateful state thanks him:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend the life and dedicated service to public
41 education of John L. Hartman, Executive Director Emeritus of the
42 Mississippi School Boards Association, and express to his
43 surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 the surviving family of John L. Hartman and be forwarded to the
46 Mississippi School Boards Association and be made available to the
47 Capitol Press Corps.