

By: Representative Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE FEDERAL
2 REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT, HANS-JOERG BRUNNER,
3 CONSUL GENERAL FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR THE
4 SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, LUFTHANSA GERMAN AIRLINES AND CARL
5 BECHSTEIN-GYMNASIUM IN ERKNER, GERMANY, FOR EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESS
6 AND GENEROSITY SHOWN TO THE GULFPORT HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER
7 ORCHESTRA.

8 WHEREAS, Consul General Hans-Joerg Brunner, through the Glory
9 of Baroque Dresden Exhibit in Mississippi in 2004, forged
10 meaningful friendships with citizens of Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, The
12 Federal Republic of Germany, German Corporations and German
13 citizens responded with kindness and generosity in providing
14 financial aid and assistance to citizens of the Gulf Region of the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Consul General Brunner and Vice Consul Monika Reuter
17 invited Billy Ulmer, Director of Orchestra Activities for the
18 Gulfport School District, to visit Germany in December 2005, as a
19 guest of the German Government, and to meet with Herr Karsten
20 Voigt, Coordinator of German-American Cooperation, and Dr. Anna
21 Prinz, Directorate-General, at the German Foreign Office in
22 Berlin, and to interact with students and faculty at Carl
23 Bechstein-Gymnasium; and

24 WHEREAS, in January 2006, Consul General Brunner delivered a
25 formal invitation for members of the Gulfport High School
26 Orchestra, Mr. Ulmer, and his staff to travel to perform in Berlin
27 and to enter into a cultural exchange with students of Carl
28 Bechstein-Gymnasium in Erkner, Germany; and

29 WHEREAS, Consul General Brunner and his staff in Atlanta did,
30 in an exemplary manner, promote this cultural exchange, and assist
31 and encourage all participants, and Principal Ruediger Konertz and
32 Herr Joerg Schuze from Carl Bechstein-Gymnasium have planned a
33 superb program for this cultural visit; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
35 outstanding contributions such as the German Parliament
36 TransAtlantik Program which is providing generous financial
37 assistance to the Gulfport High School Chamber Orchestra for this
38 exchange:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we hereby extend this expression of sincere
42 gratitude to The Federal Republic of Germany, German Consul
43 General Hans-Joerg Brunner, and the students and faculty of Carl
44 Bechstein-Gymnasium for sincere efforts to show good will and
45 friendship between our two countries, and to facilitate a cultural
46 exchange between the students of Carl Bechstein-Gymnasium in
47 Germany and the students of the Gulfport High School Orchestra.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to officials at the German Foreign Office in Berlin,
50 Consul General Hans-Joerg Brunner, Billy Ulmer, Superintendent of
51 Schools Glen East, the Gulfport School District Board of Trustees
52 and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.