

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 595

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY
2 COLLEGE THETA XI CHAPTER OF PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY FOR ITS
3 "PTK TACKLES THE COAST" CIVIC SERVICE CLEANUP PROJECT.

4 WHEREAS, on October 28, 2006, East Central Community
5 College's Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and EC American
6 Native Club participated in helping cleanup the Mississippi Coast;
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8 WHEREAS, "PTK Tackles the Coast" was organized by East
9 Central Community College's Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa;
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11 WHEREAS, twenty-four students from East Central Community
12 College participated in "PTK Tackles the Coast," which is a civic
13 service project that correlated with Keep America Beautiful and
14 National Make a Difference Day. The "PTK Tackles the Coast"
15 project assisted the East Biloxi Coordination, Redevelopment and
16 Relief Agency (EBCRRA) in their efforts to revive Biloxi Wards I
17 and II where approximately 20,000 of the coastal city's poorest
18 citizens reside; and

19 WHEREAS, East Central Community College students volunteered
20 in hand-delivering newsletters throughout Biloxi Wards I and II,
21 rebuilding and organizing a church turned into EBCRRA's warehouse,
22 as well as planting trees at a local school. East Central
23 Community College students volunteered a combined total of 288
24 hours to helping the rebuilding efforts in East Biloxi; and

25 WHEREAS, "You people are a miracle," Project Coordinator
26 Fanna Johnson told East Central Community College students at the
27 end of the day's work. "The enthusiasm all of you put into your

28 work inspires this community more than you know," she said. "Your
29 contribution makes us work harder." At the end of the day, East
30 Central Community College students presented East Biloxi
31 Coordination, Redevelopment and Relief Agency with a "You've been
32 PTK'd" sign to celebrate the day; and

33 WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society
34 for two-year colleges. Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa's mission
35 is two-fold: (1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement
36 of two-year college students, and (2) provide opportunities for
37 individual growth and development through participation in honors,
38 leadership, service and fellowship programming. Its national
39 headquarters is located on the grounds of Mississippi's Education
40 and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi; and

41 WHEREAS, the "PTK Tackles the Coast" project assisted the
42 efforts of the City of Biloxi to coordinate the construction
43 starts of new residences and facilitate the gutting, mold
44 remediation and rehabilitation of homes affected by Hurricane
45 Katrina; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic
47 service efforts of these young Mississippians who in their own way
48 have assisted in rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast
49 neighborhoods devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and have thereby
50 brought honor to their own college, community and to the State of
51 Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend the East Central Community College Theta Xi
55 Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society for its "PTK Tackles the
56 Coast" civic service cleanup project in Biloxi and extend to them
57 the best wishes of the Legislature in their future civic
58 contributions.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
60 the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at East Central Community College and

61 the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College and be
62 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.