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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 505

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MISSISSIPPI
2 LEGISLATIVE PRAYER AND MINISTRY CAUCUS; TO SET FORTH THE
3 MEMBERSHIP OF THE CAUCUS AND PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, in order to encourage, train and support legislative
6 leaders in every field who believe in the power of prayer and
7 ministry, and to highlight the vital role that prayer and
8 Judeo-Christian principles have played in the history of our
9 Nation and our state in strengthening the fabric of our society,
10 at all times consistent with the progress of our state and with
11 the well-being of our fellow Mississippians: NOW, THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
13 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
14 establish a Mississippi Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus.
15 The caucus shall be organized under the following guidelines:

16 (1) Any member or staff of the Mississippi Senate or
17 Mississippi House of Representatives may become a member of the
18 Mississippi Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus on a voluntary
19 basis. Membership application shall be made in writing and a
20 member may resign. There is no membership fee.

21 (2) There shall be two (2) Representatives appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives for a four-year term and
23 two (2) Senators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor for a
24 four-year term to work with a Chairman of the Mississippi
25 Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus, who shall be named jointly
26 by the Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the
27 Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi for a four-year



28 term, whose job shall be to coordinate, direct and facilitate the
29 mission of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus.

30 (3) To the extent practicable, the meetings and business
31 affairs of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus
32 shall be held in the New Capitol Building in Jackson, Mississippi,
33 but alternate locations may be designated by the Chairman.

34 (4) The Chairman of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer and
35 Ministry Caucus is authorized to serve as the Facilitator of the
36 Legislative Prayer and Ministry Caucus. The Facilitator shall not
37 be compensated for his services and the position shall be
38 nondenominational. The Facilitator shall be responsible for the
39 day-to-day administration of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer
40 and Ministry Caucus. The duties of the Facilitator shall be to
41 attend the meetings of the caucus, to offer prayer, when
42 requested, and in addition, to minister and counsel the members of
43 the caucus and provide Bible study.

44 (5) The goal of the Mississippi Legislative Prayer and
45 Ministry Caucus is to offer hope to all citizens, to offer
46 guidance to help sustain legislative leaders, to offer multiple
47 avenues of communication in order to keep abreast of important
48 issues, to provide educational material needed to form and live
49 life according to a Biblical world view, and to offer practical
50 ways to get involved and minister to all those persons in and
51 around the Capitol.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be
53 transmitted to appropriate officials with the various religious
54 denominations in the State of Mississippi for their information
55 and participation.

