

By: Representative Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. DONALD TRIPLETT AS
2 AUTISM'S FIRST CHILD.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Donald Triplett was born in September 1933, in
4 Forest, Mississippi; as a young man Mr. Triplett struggled with
5 social interaction, which led to his parents institutionalizing
6 him in 1937, in a time when there were no other alternatives; and

7 WHEREAS, while this time was difficult for Mr. Triplett, a
8 revolutionary discovery was made in 1943, when Mr. Triplett became
9 the first child ever diagnosed with autism and a 1943 medical
10 journal entry called him "Case 1 Donald T."; and

11 WHEREAS, while at the time of the discovery autism was
12 exceedingly rare, the year Mr. Triplett was diagnosed there were
13 only ten other children diagnosed with autism; and

14 WHEREAS, though Mr. Triplett was diagnosed with this
15 condition 73 years ago, he is leading a happy, full life and
16 enjoys the company of friends, driving his own car and playing
17 golf whenever possible; and



18 WHEREAS, in addition to being an accomplished golfer, Mr.
19 Triplett is also a high school and college graduate, earning his
20 high school diploma at a local high school in Forest, and earning
21 a bachelor's degree in French from Millsaps College, in 1958; and

22 WHEREAS, though the road to Mr. Triplett's success in life
23 has included many obstacles and detours foreign to the average
24 experience, he has proven to be far above average in many ways,
25 both in character and in his commitment to bettering himself and
26 the world around him; and

27 WHEREAS, his life is an example not just for those affected
28 by autism, his life serves as an example for all people, to live
29 life fully and with passion to pursue the things that make you
30 truly happy; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
32 such outstanding individuals such as Mr. Donald Triplett, who
33 overcame adversity to live as a shining example for how everyone
34 should live their lives, because even though life is not always
35 easy or fair, the inherent value in every day lived well is
36 immeasurable:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize Mr. Donald Triplett as
40 Autism's First Child, and commend his immense contributions to the
41 State of Mississippi and extend our best wishes for continued
42 success in all of his future endeavors.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Mr. Donald Triplett and to the members of the Capitol
45 Press Corps.

