

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Barnett, Blackwell,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 505

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL OLYMPIAN
2 KYLE DUTIEL OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR WINNING 3 GOLD MEDALS AS
3 AN EQUESTRIAN COMPETITOR IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES IN
4 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to a three-time Special Olympics
6 World Games Gold Medalist. Equestrian Competitor Kyle Dutiel from
7 Brandon, Mississippi, who won a Gold Medal on Wednesday, July 29,
8 2015, followed up his strong performance on Thursday and Friday by
9 taking home the Gold in Dressage and Working Trails; and

10 WHEREAS, Dutiel previously brought home a Bronze Medal in
11 1999 at World Games in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a Silver and
12 Bronze in 2003 at World Games in Dublin, Ireland; however, 2015
13 was his big year; and

14 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Mississippi welcomed their athletes
15 home at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.
16 Also competing were Taylor Rosenthal and father and unified
17 partner, Bill Rosenthal, of Shannon, Mississippi, who won a Silver
18 Medal in Golf; and



19 WHEREAS, Dutiel and Rosenthal were among 6,500 athletes from
20 165 countries to compete in the largest Special Olympics in
21 history. The event scheduled July 25 through August 2, 2015, drew
22 500,000 spectators, 30,000 volunteers and 3,000 coaches. Tony
23 Bahu, President and CEO of Special Olympics Mississippi, said the
24 accomplishments of Dutiel and Rosenthal were impressive. "The
25 World Games was an experience that our families and athletes will
26 remember for a lifetime"; and

27 WHEREAS, Dutiel, 35, said he had worked to improve his riding
28 skills so he could win a Gold Medal in an Equestrian Event. The
29 Gold Medals were a first for Dutiel, who brought home a Bronze
30 Medal in the Working Trails Event during the Special Olympics
31 World Summer Games in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, North
32 Carolina, in 1999, and a Silver Medal and Fourth-Place Ribbon in
33 the Working Trails Event during the Special Olympics World Summer
34 Games in Dublin, Ireland, in 2003; and

35 WHEREAS, Linda Dutiel of Brandon, Kyle Dutiel's mother, said
36 she and her husband, Randy, were pleased when their son won the
37 Gold for Equestrian on his first day of competition. Their joy
38 grew when he earned a second Gold Medal for English Dressage and
39 then a third one for the Working Trails Competition. An athlete
40 generally has an idea about his or her performance but must wait
41 until the Medal Ceremony to learn who made it to the podium. "We
42 watched with anticipation because the athletes don't know until



43 they line them up and place them one through eight on the podium";
44 and

45 WHEREAS, Camie Crowe, a World and Reserve World Champion in
46 both the American Paint Horse Association and the Pinto Horse
47 Association of America, who gave her time to coach Dutiel at
48 Heavenly Hills Ranch in Madison, credits his tenacity, willingness
49 to learn, and patience for winning the Gold Medals; and

50 WHEREAS, Kyle's path to becoming an award-winning athlete
51 began in the Sixth Grade when his Special Education Teacher
52 introduced him to the Equestrian Riding Program of Special
53 Olympics. Kyle attended Magnolia speech School, Dogwood School,
54 Northwest Rankin and Brandon High School, and he lives
55 independently from his parents and works as a Housekeeper at
56 Hudspeth Regional Center; and

57 WHEREAS, Kyle also participates in Special Olympics teams for
58 bowling, tennis, golf and softball. He will join team members to
59 compete in the Special Olympics North America Softball
60 Invitational in September 2015 in Wichita, Kansas. The tournament
61 will feature 32 teams from across the United States, Canada, the
62 Caribbean and Latin America; and

63 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
64 the accomplishments of these athletes not only for Special
65 Olympics USA, but as an inspiration for all our athletes in
66 Mississippi:



67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
69 we do hereby pay tribute to Kyle Dutiel of Brandon, Mississippi,
70 for winning 3 Gold Medals as an Equestrian Competitor in the
71 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles, California, and
72 extend our congratulations to Kyle and his family on this
73 auspicious occasion and our best wishes for future success.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
75 Kyle and his family, his Coach Camie Crowe, forwarded to the
76 Director of the Hudspeth Regional Center, and made available to
77 the Capitol Press Corps.

