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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 517

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MISSISSIPPI'S  
2 AWARD-WINNING COUNTRY MUSIC STAR FAITH HILL UPON THE UNVEILING OF  
3 THE "MISSISSIPPI COUNTRY MUSIC TRAIL" MARKER IN HER HONOR ON  
4 DECEMBER 19, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, Faith Hill, the "Star" of Rankin County's Star  
6 community, received a singular honor on Saturday, December 19,  
7 2015. The Mississippi Country Music Trail Marker unveiled its  
8 30th marker to honor her at the corner of Main and Mangum Streets;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Faith Hill, with a passion for music and singing, as  
11 a young girl growing up in Star, moved to Nashville at the age of  
12 19. Her debut album, "Take Me As I Am," was released in 1993.  
13 The album's first single, "Wild One," reached No. 1 on the  
14 Billboard Country Music Chart and stayed there for four weeks,  
15 followed by the second single, a version of Janis Joplin's classic  
16 "Piece of My Heart." "Take Me As I Am" went on to reach triple  
17 platinum status; and

18 WHEREAS, for more than two decades, she has achieved success  
19 in country and pop music as one of the top-selling and most



20 awarded female artist of all time. She has broken chart records  
21 with 14 No. 1 singles and multiple albums topping both the  
22 Billboard Top 100 and Country Music Charts, with six certified  
23 multiplatinum studio albums and selling more than 30 million  
24 albums worldwide. She has won five Grammy Awards, 12 American  
25 Country Music Awards, four Billboard Music Awards, four American  
26 Music Awards, four People's Choice Awards and three Country Music  
27 Association Awards; and

28 WHEREAS, "I am so proud to be from Star and I am honored to  
29 receive this marker on the Country Music Trail," Hill said.  
30 "Growing up, my friends and I would hang out in the parking lot  
31 after church at Star Baptist Church, planning our lives and  
32 sharing our dreams. Having my marker near that church makes it  
33 even more special for me"; and

34 WHEREAS, Daron Wilson, Interim Director of Visit Mississippi,  
35 said Hill represents the state on an international level. "She is  
36 a prime example of the influence our state has had on country  
37 music, the soundtrack of the American South," he said in the news  
38 release. Hill is married to fellow Country Music Star Tim McGraw,  
39 and they live in Nashville with their three daughters. Hill also  
40 is a philanthropist and an advocate for the arts nationally and in  
41 her home states of Tennessee and Mississippi. Hill will bring her  
42 talents to daytime television as Co-Executive Producer of an  
43 innovative new daytime talk show, billed as an informative,  
44 Southern-inspired and fun-filled celebration of everyday living



45 and activities that will be shot in a modern farmhouse style home  
46 in Nashville; and

47 WHEREAS, Rankin County, and especially Star, Mississippi, is  
48 proud to be the home of Faith Hill. We are proud to place a  
49 marker in her honor on the Mississippi Country Music Trail Marker  
50 in the heart of Star, the small town she grew up in; and it is  
51 with great pride that we recognize a Music Ambassador for the  
52 State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
55 we do hereby congratulate Mississippi's Award-Winning Country  
56 Music Star Faith Hill with the unveiling of the "Mississippi  
57 Country Music Trail" Marker in her honor on December 19, 2015, and  
58 recognize her influence on country music as the soundtrack of the  
59 American South.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 Faith Hill and her family, forwarded to the Director of the  
62 Mississippi Development Authority and Division of Tourism, and  
63 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

