

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Norwood, Frazier,
Blount, Barnett, Burton, Chassaniol,
Fillingane, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 RENOWNED BLUES SCHOLAR AND JOURNALIST SCOTT BARRETTA UPON HIS
3 RECEIPT OF THE 2016 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD IN MISSISSIPPI HERITAGE.

4 WHEREAS, Scott Barretta entered the world of Blues
5 scholarship when he edited Sweden's *Jefferson Blues* magazine while
6 teaching at Lund University. In 1999, Mr. Barretta became the
7 Editor of *Living Blues* magazine at the University of Mississippi,
8 where he began to form partnerships with Mississippi's
9 institutions of higher learning, museums, libraries, festivals and
10 economic development groups to promote Mississippi's creative
11 culture; and

12 WHEREAS, he is known for his encyclopedic knowledge of Blues
13 music and artists. Scott has written, researched and consulted on
14 many key projects in Mississippi. They include the interpretative
15 signage for markers on the Mississippi Blues Trail, the K-12 Blues
16 Curriculum for the Mississippi Arts Commission and the B.B. King
17 Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, and the Grammy Museum –
18 Mississippi; and



19 WHEREAS, Scott Barretta entertains the public with his vast
20 knowledge and enthusiasm during his weekly Blues radio show
21 "Highway 61" on MPB Think Radio and his weekly column on the Blues
22 for *The Clarion-Ledger*; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Barretta is currently co-producing a documentary
24 film on Mississippi Fred McDowell and writing two books on the
25 Blues. He is also conducting editorial work for a music and oral
26 histories project with Dr. William Ferris; and

27 WHEREAS, he is an Ambassador for Mississippi and a
28 Preservationist of its musical heritage. He is known as a friend
29 to and an advocate for Blues musicians everywhere. Scott's
30 passion and dedication to teaching Mississippians and the world
31 about the state's music culture is evident through his devotion to
32 the music and the people of Mississippi; and it is with great
33 pride that we recognize a Mississippi Scholar and Journalist whose
34 record of achievement has brought honor to his community and to
35 the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate renowned Blues Scholar and
39 Journalist Scott Barretta upon his receipt of the 2016 Governor's
40 Arts Award in Mississippi heritage, and extend our best wishes to
41 Scott on this high honor.



42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Scott Barretta, forwarded to the Mississippi Arts Commission, and
44 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

