

By: Senator(s) Fillingane, Blackwell,  
Burton, Caughman, Chassaniol, Clarke,  
Dearing, DeBar, Frazier, Hopson, Jackson  
(11th), Jackson (32nd), McMahan, Simmons  
(13th), Watson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO 2015 MISS MISSISSIPPI HANNAH ROBERTS OF  
3 SUMRALL, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS NAMED FIRST RUNNER-UP IN THE MISS  
4 AMERICA PAGEANT.

5 WHEREAS, even though Miss Mississippi Hannah Roberts did not  
6 capture the coveted crown of Miss America 2016 on September 13,  
7 2015, the University of Southern Mississippi graduate certainly  
8 won over the crowd on hand in Atlantic City and millions of others  
9 around the globe who watched the telecast with her poise,  
10 personality and extraordinary musical talent. Roberts, a Mount  
11 Olive, Mississippi, native and Sumrall High School graduate,  
12 finished as First Runner-Up; and

13 WHEREAS, in the Miss Mississippi Pageant, Hannah, 21, who  
14 competed as Miss University of Southern Mississippi, earned a  
15 \$10,000 scholarship, which was part of \$95,000 in scholarship  
16 money given away during the evening. She plans to attend the  
17 University of Mississippi Medical Center. Roberts was a favorite  
18 after winning preliminary competitions for talent and swimwear.  
19 She performed Pablo Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" on violin for her



20 talent. Roberts said it was performed by 1989 Miss America  
21 Gretchen Carlson; and

22 WHEREAS, a biochemistry major with a minor in biology,  
23 Roberts graduated summa cum laude at University of Southern  
24 Mississippi. A Goldwater Scholar, she was named Outstanding  
25 Senior from the College of Science and Technology and is a member  
26 of the Southern Miss Student Hall of Fame. Her scholastic honors  
27 include: Presidential Scholar, Honor College, HEADWAE Scholar,  
28 and her greatest nonacademic accomplishment is Mississippi  
29 Air-Pistol Champion. Hannah has been accepted into medical school  
30 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Through her  
31 "Pages of Love" book collection/donation program, Roberts has  
32 distributed more than 25,000 new and "gently-used" books to  
33 various schools, churches, hospitals and other organizations; and

34 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this young  
35 Mississippi citizen who has brought honor and pride to her family,  
36 community, and the entire State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
39 we do hereby extend the congratulations of the Legislature to 2015  
40 Miss Mississippi Hannah Roberts who was named First Runner-Up in  
41 the Miss America Pageant.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
43 2015 Miss Mississippi Hannah Roberts and be made available to the  
44 Capitol Press Corps.

