

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Barnett, Blackwell,  
Chassaniol, Clarke, Dearing, Fillingane,  
Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Watson,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 532

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ANNE  
2 ELIZABETH BUYS, OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING CROWNED MISS  
3 MISSISSIPPI 2017.

4 WHEREAS, Anne Elizabeth Buys, 21, of Vicksburg, Mississippi,  
5 was crowned Miss Mississippi 2017 on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at  
6 the Vicksburg Convention Center, capturing the No. 1 spot sought  
7 after by a competitive field of young ladies who competed for the  
8 coveted title to represent Mississippi in the Miss America  
9 Pageant; and

10 WHEREAS, Anne Elizabeth Buys is a Senior Communications Major  
11 at Mississippi State University. The President's List Scholar  
12 plans to obtain a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in  
13 Communications with a double emphasis in Broadcasting and Public  
14 Relations. She hopes to pursue a career in sports broadcasting  
15 and continue philanthropic work with nonprofits; and

16 WHEREAS, at Mississippi State University, Anne Elizabeth is a  
17 member of the Chi Omega Sorority, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda  
18 Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the



19 Mississippi State University Fashion Board, and the Public  
20 Relations Student Society of America; and

21 WHEREAS, through participating in the Miss Mississippi  
22 Organization, Anne Elizabeth has received more than \$20,000.00 in  
23 scholarship money to pursue her college education; and

24 WHEREAS, she was named a Quality of Life Finalist at the Miss  
25 America Pageant in Atlantic City on August 30, 2017; and

26 WHEREAS, Anne Elizabeth's platform, Water for Life, aims to  
27 provide water and relieve some of the suffering caused by a lack  
28 of clean drinking water for people in the United States and  
29 abroad. She has spoken to more than 50 civic organizations,  
30 schools and churches, and has organized Zumba fitness fundraising  
31 events to benefit Water for Life. Her work has been featured in  
32 newspapers and on television news shows across Mississippi  
33 discussing the work of Operation Blessing International, as well  
34 as the need for clean drinking water in America. She has raised  
35 over \$7,200.00 to fund four clean water wells and two rain  
36 cisterns in India, and partnered with Hinds Community College and  
37 Tougaloo College to collect over 48,000 bottles of water to aid  
38 the citizens of Flint, Michigan, during the water crisis they  
39 faced due to lead-contaminated drinking water. Clean water is  
40 vital for life, and we must work to address this issue and  
41 transform lives by providing this simple gift; and



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

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate Anne Elizabeth Buys upon  
48 being crowned Miss Mississippi 2017 and extend sincerest wishes  
49 for continued success in all of her future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 Anne Elizabeth Buys and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

