

By: Senator(s) Jolly, Barnett, Jackson
(32nd), McMahan

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 559

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MIRIAM SANDERSON GARNER
2 OF HOUSTON, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE GOVERNOR-ELECT OF THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DISTRICT OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we congratulate Miriam
5 Sanderson Garner of Houston, Mississippi, as the Governor-Elect of
6 the Mississippi District of Pilot International Service
7 Organization. She will be installed at the Mississippi District
8 April Convention; and

9 WHEREAS, Miriam has been serving her community as a teacher
10 for the past 20 years. She is the Houston High School Library
11 Media Specialist and the Pilot Anchor Sponsor; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1952, Pilot International began to recruit youth
13 members through the establishment of Anchor Clubs, a volunteer
14 service organization for young people. Today, there are over
15 7,000 Anchors worldwide with new clubs and members being added
16 monthly. Through professionally developed curriculum and
17 strategic partnerships with national organizations, Pilot



encourages and provides opportunities for youth development and leadership around the globe; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, Pilot International has worked in the area of brain-related service and has narrowed its focus to brain safety and health. Pilots are active in local safety fairs and bike rodeos where they seek to educate children about the importance of brain-safety practices and often distribute free bike helmets to participants. Pilots also participate in Pilot International's BrainMinders™ award-winning family of brain-safety educational programs and are active partners with SafeKids Worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Pilot International introduced the "Pick Me Ups" initiative for Family Caregivers. Through both fundraising and hands-on service work, local Pilot and Anchor Clubs provide a little Pick-Me-Up for Caregivers in their communities. Many Pilot Clubs work with The Brain Injury Association of America to support and sustain several exemplary camps for individuals with a traumatic brain injury (TBI). These facilities offer a positive experience for the campers while also providing a much-needed rest for their parents; and

WHEREAS, Miriam's husband is a respected U.S. Army Veteran of 26 years and continues to contribute to his community. The Garners have four children who are excelling in their academics and will contribute to their community using their parents as role models; and



43 WHEREAS, Pilot International serves the community and the
44 State of Mississippi by preparing youth for service and makes a
45 difference as an organization that cares for others:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
48 we do hereby recognize Miriam Sanderson Garner of Houston,
49 Mississippi, as the Governor-Elect of the Mississippi District of
50 Pilot International Service Organization, and extend our
51 congratulations to this public-spirited citizen of Mississippi
52 with enormous civic energy.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Governor-Elect Miriam Sanderson Garner, forwarded to the
55 Mississippi District of Pilot International, and made available to
56 the Capitol Press Corps.

