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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 601

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF THE JACKSON
2 STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HILLIARD L. LACKEY
3 SCHOLARS FROM MADISON S. PALMER HIGH SCHOOL IN MARKS, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, in August 2014, Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey and Mrs.
5 Lillian Troupe Lackey, both graduates of Madison S. Palmer High
6 School in Marks, Mississippi, and Jackson State University
7 National Alumni Association, Inc., randomly selected and adopted
8 23 students in the Ninth Grade Honors English Class taught by Mrs.
9 Cheryl Orange Conley of Madison S. Palmer High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Lackey, with support from Mrs. Lackey, began
11 mentoring and nurturing the Honors English Class once per month
12 during their freshman year. They brought in resource persons from
13 the Jackson State University Executive PhD Program and other
14 presenters to give guidance, insights and enhancements to the
15 Honors English Class; and

16 WHEREAS, the School Principal designated the entire Class of
17 2014-2018 as the Mule Train 50th Anniversary Class with the Honors
18 English Class named "Ambassadors"; and



19 WHEREAS, the Honors English Class was designated "Lackey
20 Scholars" for their sophomore year in 2015-2016, and named
21 Ambassadors for the School District; and

22 WHEREAS, the Lackey Scholars distinguished themselves through
23 community service at the elementary and middle school, and events
24 throughout the county; and

25 WHEREAS, Lackey Scholars set lofty goals of all students
26 graduating with honors, achieving college scholarships, earning
27 all schoolwide leadership positions, setting standards of conduct
28 and decorum, scholarships, while being model citizens; and

29 WHEREAS, during Spring Break of their sophomore year, several
30 Lackey Scholars spent a week on a college campus experiencing the
31 feel of college life and acquiring tips for obtaining
32 scholarships; and

33 WHEREAS, their junior year was one of high preparation where
34 most Lackey Scholars became certified nurses aides, or enrolled in
35 college courses; and

36 WHEREAS, after their junior year, the class as a whole was
37 involved in military basic training or precollege programs at the
38 University of Mississippi, University of Wisconsin, Harvard
39 University and the Apple School in California; and

40 WHEREAS, their sponsor, Mrs. Cheryl Orange Conley, was named
41 Quitman County School District Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017;
42 and



43 WHEREAS, in their senior year, these class members held all
44 campus-wide elected positions, including Student Body President,
45 Miss Madison S. Palmer High School, Mr. Madison S. Palmer High
46 School, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; and

47 WHEREAS, three-to-four Lackey Scholars are in line to be
48 Valedictorian or Salutatorian of the 80-member Mule Train 50th
49 Anniversary Class of 2018. Except for losing two members of the
50 original 23 when their families relocated outside the district,
51 all 21 of Lackey Scholars will graduate on May 26, 2018; and

52 WHEREAS, this 2014-2018 Honors English Class, known as
53 Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc., Lackey
54 Scholars, was organized with a Constitution and Bylaws to remain a
55 unit hereinafter in perpetuity; and

56 WHEREAS, we commend this record of achievement and legacy of
57 leadership by this organization which has brought honor to their
58 community and to the State of Mississippi:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
60 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
61 the Legislature recognizes the legacy of the Jackson State
62 University National Alumni Association Hilliard L. Lackey Scholars
63 from Madison S. Palmer High School in Marks, Mississippi.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
65 Dr. Hilliard L. Lackey, the Hilliard L. Lackey Madison S. Palmer
66 Scholars and their sponsors, forwarded to the Quitman County Board
67 of Education, and the Capitol Press Corps.

