

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, England, Thompson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 589

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE  
2 SUMMER FIELD PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI'S  
3 GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH  
4 ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

5 WHEREAS, the inaugural class of the Gulf Coast Research  
6 Laboratory's (GCRL) Summer Field Program (SFP) was sponsored by  
7 the Mississippi Academy of Sciences in 1947 and held at the  
8 Magnolia State Park in Ocean Springs; and

9 WHEREAS, the activities of the Summer Field Program and  
10 associated needs for coastal research and teaching in Mississippi  
11 led to the creation of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in 1950;  
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13 WHEREAS, the Summer Field Program initially consisted of two  
14 classes of students and has now grown to include 63 college and  
15 university affiliates from 19 states; and

16 WHEREAS, the Summer Field Program provides undergraduate and  
17 graduate students from across the state and the nation an  
18 opportunity to learn about coastal environments in an intensive  
19 field and lab-based setting; and



20           WHEREAS, over the last 75 years, the Summer Field Program has  
21 become a rigorous undergraduate program supported by modern  
22 classrooms with laboratories, several research vessels, a curated  
23 specimen museum, and a research library; and

24           WHEREAS, the Summer Field Program continues to be a core  
25 program supporting Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's mission of  
26 advancing scientific discovery and promoting academic growth in  
27 the fields of marine biology and coastal sciences for the  
28 betterment of society, the wise use of natural resources, and the  
29 advancement of sound economic development:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate the Summer Field Program at  
33 The University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research  
34 Laboratory on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and recognize  
35 its achievements.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby recognize the  
37 achievements of all current and past faculty and staff supported  
38 by the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory who contributed to  
39 fulfilling Summer Field Program's mission of providing university  
40 and college field-based education.

41           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby encourage the  
42 Summer Field Program to continue to provide superior academic  
43 programming at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and continue to  
44 educate the next generations of leading scientists.



45           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Gulf Coast Research  
46 Laboratory continue to promote the study and knowledge of science,  
47 including the natural resources of the State of Mississippi, and  
48 to provide for the dissemination of research findings and  
49 specimens from the Gulf Coast area.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 the Director of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for appropriate  
52 distribution and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

