

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, England

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.

